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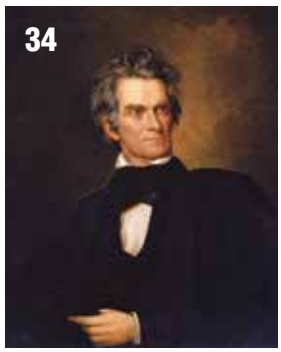

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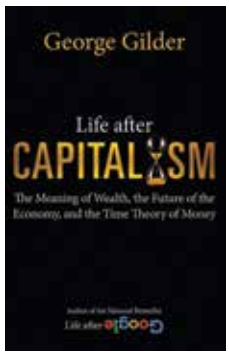


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# It Didn't Start With Biden

Author, radio-TV commentator, and constitutional scholar Dan Smoot served as an FBI special agent during the 1940s and early 1950s. After leaving the bureau, he gained national recognition with his books, articles, broadcasts, and authoritative and well-researched newsletter *The Dan Smoot Report*.

In an issue of his *Report*, Smoot recounted one of his experiences as an FBI special agent that caused him to contemplate the terrible prospect that would confront Americans if the bureau were ever corrupted and turned into an instrument serving an unconstitutional, all-powerful federal government. He and his FBI team were hunting a criminal fugitive whose trail had taken them to a desert of the American Southwest. They were staking out an abandoned shack in the middle of nowhere. While hiding and waiting for their prey to show up, Smoot reflected on the awesome power of the FBI and its capacity to track this elusive outlaw and to predict (correctly) that he would come to this remote hideout. He pondered the bleak future that would face all freedom lovers if this power were turned against the American people.

The recently released report by Special Counsel John Durham and the testimony of FBI whistleblowers before the House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government should leave no doubt in any mind capable of reason that the FBI has been corrupted and is being weaponized to attack and destroy political opponents of the Biden/Deep State regime. Every sentient observer can see that this is happening real-time before our eyes: the phony "Russia collusion" narrative, the prosecution of General Michael Flynn, the illegal FBI bugging of President Trump, the FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago, the persecution of innocent J6 victims, the raid on the home of pro-life activist Mark Houck, the FBI's targeting of parents protesting school abuses, the FBI's targeting of Traditional Latin Mass Catholics, the FBI's collusion with Big Tech social media to censor Americans, the FBI's quashing of the Hunter Biden laptop story, the FBI's failure to raid Joe Biden's home or think tank to recover illegally held classified documents, the FBI's failure to investigate the Biden family's business deals with Communist China, and on and on.

Since the passing of longtime FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in 1972, the FBI and the DOJ have been led by a succession of operatives of the Deep State — which Smoot identified in 1962 as *The Invisible Government*. Over the decades, *The New American* has chronicled this insidious transformation — under both Republicans and Democrats — and sounded the alarm, as whistleblowers, inspectors general, congressional investigations, lawsuits, and our own investigations have exposed the gradual makeover of the FBI into something more closely resembling a budding Gestapo, Stasi, or KGB.

The Durham Report and the ongoing FBI whistleblower hearings are finally causing this once-gradual but now rapidly escalating transformation to come to the fore and to be given the public attention it deserves.

Veteran journalist R. Cort Kirkwood has done a masterful job of wading through the 300-page Durham Report, selecting the most salient passages and placing them in context with other important facts that are not included in the report. Steve Bonta, our executive senior editor, has watched the hearings of the House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government, studied the hearing documents, and brought us an excellent summation of the testimony of the heroic FBI whistleblowers. Reading, understanding, and disseminating this information is essential to our survival as a free nation. This weaponization of the DOJ and FBI can be and must be reversed. It is the duty of every American to expend every effort to assure that this happens.

— *William F. Jasper*

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## Carbon-credit Scammer Steps Down

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David Antonioli announced on May 22 that he will step down as CEO of the climate-action nonprofit Verra, one of the world's foremost certifiers of so-called carbon credits. The announcement comes after a recent investigation into the group found that approximately 90 percent of Verra's "carbon credits" are worthless and have no measurable impact on carbon reductions.

As reported by *The Guardian*, a joint investigation completed in January by *The Guardian*, the German newspaper *Die Zeit*, and SourceMaterial, a nonprofit investigative journalism group, found that only a few of Verra's rainforest projects showed any evidence of halting deforestation, which climate alarmists claim is a major factor allowing runaway global warming. The investigation also found that the threats to rainforests on projects for which Verra was issuing carbon credits were overestimated by 400 percent, according to a 2022 University of Cambridge study.

According to lead author Thales West from the University of Amsterdam, "The evidence from the analysis … suggests we cannot [trust Verra's predictions about deforestation]." Erin Sills, a professor at the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at North Carolina State, was also vexed with Verra, calling the results of the Cambridge study "disappointing and scary."

David Coomes of Cambridge University, senior author on the Cambridge study, claimed, "It's safe to say there are strong discrepancies between what we're calculating and what exists in [Verra's] databases, and that is a matter for concern and further investigation."

It's important to note that West, Sills, and Coomes are not climate contrarians, but scientists with a vested interest in the climate narrative being pushed by the UN. If Verra's carbon-credit claims do not meet with their approval, it's likely that any emissions reductions claimed by Verra are nonexistent.

The scam that Antonioli and Verra are pushing on major corporations is the same sort of swindle that made Al Gore rich. "Carbon offsets" are a con made to line the pockets of flim-flam men. Ultimately, they're worthless where investors — and the climate — are concerned.

## Australian Territory to Take Over Catholic Hospital

Australia's ABC News reported on May 10 that an Australian territorial government plans to take over a Catholic hospital to make way for a new, government-run facility — and to ensure that "reproductive justice," i.e., abortion, marches on.

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT), which encompasses Canberra and its environs, announced May 10 that it would spend more than $1 billion to build a new hospital on the site of the current Calvary Hospital, a facility run since its 1979 inception by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. Since the hospital would not agree to the government's terms, ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith introduced legislation to enable the government "to acquire the Calvary Public Hospital land, and transition existing Calvary staff and assets to the Territory."

In April, a legislative committee issued a report that excoriated Calvary for its opposition to "reproductive justice." "It is problematic that one of the ACT's major hospitals is, due to an overriding religious ethos, restricted in the services that can be delivered to the Canberra community," penned the committee, which decried the government's "ethically fraught dependence on the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary for provision of health services."

The report recommended "that the ACT Government advocate Calvary Hospital to provide full reproductive health services in accordance with human rights" — gestating humans not included.

Local Catholics understand the significance of the move. The

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archbishop of Canberra, Christopher Prowse, posted a May 24 letter on Australia's Catholic Outlook website stating, "This extraordinary and completely unnecessary government intervention could set the scene for future acquisitions of any faith-based health facility, or, indeed, any faith-based enterprise including education or social welfare."

To be fair, though, Calvary has been the recipient of a great deal of government funding over the years. According to the committee report, the ACT government gave Calvary $261 million in 2021-22. The hospital could hardly expect to go on receiving taxpayer largesse forever without eventually ceding control to the powers that be.

## Vivek Ramaswamy's LinkedIn Account Suspended

Noting that "Big Tech election interference has begun," GOP presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy reported on Twitter on May 25 that his LinkedIn account had been suspended for violating the website's policies on "misinformation, hate speech, and violence."

The job-seeking site referenced three videos that Ramaswamy had shared. The first was a February 5 video in which Ramaswamy opined that the Chinese Communist Party was "playing the Biden administration like a Chinese mandolin"; the second, shared on February 16, contained the comment, "If the climate religion was really about climate change, then they'd be worried about, say, shifting oil production from the U.S. to places like Russia and China. Yet, the climate religion and its apostles in the ESG movement have a different objective"; and the third, posted on May 7, had the audacity to say that "The climate agenda is a lie: fossil fuels are a requirement for human prosperity."

Ramaswamy's account was blocked for nearly a week — until he made the May 25 announcement on Twitter. Later that day, LinkedIn restored his account, claiming that it had been "restricted in error."

Back in February, the GOP candidate also had strong words against the ESG movement, which considers climate policy and "woke" politics when giving out its scores for investors. "If you really cared that much about so-called carbon emissions, you would be a proponent of nuclear energy," he noted. "And yet, this ESG movement … excludes nuclear energy companies from their ESG funds. The ESG movement is hostile to nuclear energy…. The problem with nuclear energy for this movement is not that it is too bad, but that it might be too good at solving their own — in my opinion — mostly made-up problem."

Ramaswamy, a first generation Indian-American, is a problem for leftists. He's young, intelligent, well-spoken, and, worst of all from the Democrats' point of view, a person of color. Expect him to receive the Clarence Thomas treatment from the Left going forward.

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## George Washington University Changes Monikers

On May 24, George Washington University announced on its website that a new moniker had been chosen for its sports teams. Instead of the Colonials, which had been their name since 1926, the school's teams will now be known as the Revolutionaries. Students and faculty considered the name Colonials offensive, so decided in June of last year that a change was needed.

While Indian- and Confederate-themed names have been considered offensive to many on the political left for decades, this might be the first time that a name referencing America's Founding Fathers has been replaced with a (supposedly) more politically correct one.

The new name was chosen because Revolutionaries "are not afraid to break boundaries and change the game. The GW Revolutionaries go beyond what's conventional or expected to focus on shifting mindsets and creating a new future for ourselves and our world," the school explained in its announcement.

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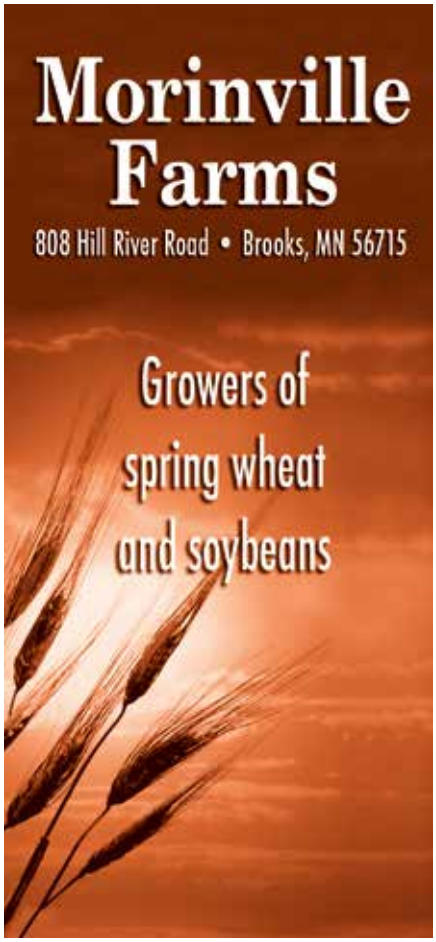
What was wrong with the name Colonials, which paid homage to America's Founding Fathers, who broke away from their colonial status during America's Revolutionary War? Apparently, it was not "inclusive" enough for many. Plus, "It was a term [George Washington] associated with narrow-mindedness, with a certain provincialism," said history professor Denver Brunsman.

Opposition to the name Colonials began in earnest in 2019, when the student body voted to remove it and an "Anything But Colonials Coalition" was created. In 2021 the coalition delivered a petition to the university president, claiming that "Colonials were active purveyors of colonialism and were complicit in militarized and racialized violence, oppression, and hierarchy. Colonialism has been historically and contemporaneously built upon usurping land, labor, and autonomy from racialized communities through dehumanizing violence and suppression."

Happily, the school's mascot, George 1 — a George Washington caricature — will be allowed to stay, for now, at least. With the Left's pathological hatred of all things American, though, how long will it be until President Washington himself — a slave owner — is deemed unacceptable to "woke" students and faculty? ■

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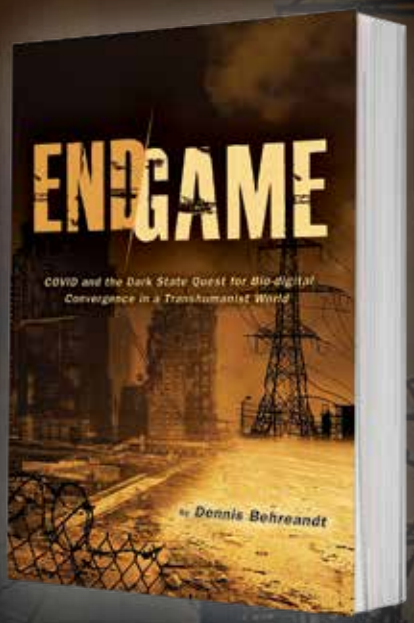


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## REVEALS THE REAL COLLUSION

It was the FBI and Clinton campaign that colluded with each other, and with Russians, to destroy Trump.

**by R. Cort Kirkwood**

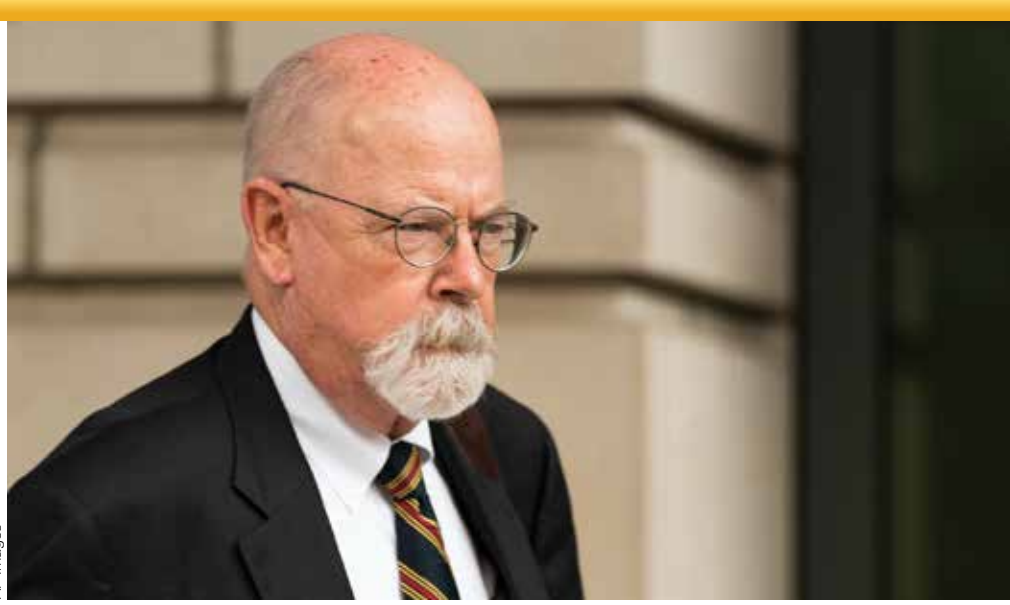
Special Counsel John Durham's report on the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane investigation exposes just about the full truth regarding the Russia Collusion Hoax that Hillary Clinton and her campaign hitmen conceived to wreck Donald Trump's presidential candidacy in 2016. The report contains everything we need to know and more. Much more.

What we need to know is this: Top FBI officials used uncorroborated information from dubious sources to open the probe — then collaborated, some of them unknowingly, with the Clinton campaign in an attempt to stop Trump from becoming president. Their work on Crossfire Hurricane made them, in effect, *ex officio* members of Clinton's campaign. Key FBI officials hated Trump. They wanted Clinton. They vowed to stop Trump from becoming president. They ignored serious allegations about foreign influence in the Clinton campaign.

And in something of a twist, the report reveals the *real* Russia collusion scandal. Crossfire Hurricane and one of its major flaws — illegal surveillance of a Trump campaign aide — largely arose from allegations in the infamous Steele Dossier that Clinton's campaign paid to have created. Those allegations came not only from two Russians, one of whom might well have been a counterintelligence agent, but also from a longtime Clinton camp follower. Indeed, those claims were among the most explosive in the notoriously false dossier, which was the linchpin of the surveillance. In other words, the real Russia colluders were Clinton and her enthusiasts inside the bureau.

Yet the import of the report goes beyond merely divulging how the FBI worked on Clinton's behalf, even if the report doesn't conclude exactly that. No longer is the FBI what was portrayed in the *The FBI Story*; top agents today no longer resemble Chip Hardesty, the courageous middle-American hero of the film who fought gangsters and cuffed communist spies. Rather, the storied bureau of legend is now a politicized arm of the Deep State and Democratic Party, and its agents are mere apparatchiks in a dangerously powerful, out-of-control police agency.

*R. Cort Kirkwood is a longtime contributor to* The New American. *He was a newspaperman for more than 25 years.*



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**Speaking truth to power:** Despite numerous vicious attacks on his character and investigative ability by the anti-Trump Washington establishment, Special Counsel John Durham persisted in his investigation of the FBI's Trump-Russia collusion investigation — and concluded it was both criminal and driven by partisan hatred.

## Hate-Trump, Pro-Clinton Bias

Perhaps the report's most disturbing revelation is just how obsessed top FBI officials were with ensuring that Trump lost to Clinton. They decided that Trump was a Russian asset, and rushed headlong into a mission to prove it. No matter what. "Show me the man," Stalin's infamous secret police chief Lavrenti Beria said, "and I'll show you the crime."

Thus does the report conclude that "neither U.S. law enforcement nor the Intelligence Community appears to have possessed any actual evidence of collusion in their holdings at the commencement of the Crossfire Hurricane." Indeed, the FBI's basis for opening the investigation was a flimsy report from Australian diplomats who had met with unpaid foreign-policy advisor George Papadopoulos. Their report in a written cable vaguely — very vaguely — mentioned that Russia might release information that could harm Hillary Clinton's election bid. But that was all. It was a one-off comment in a diplomatic cable. And those diplomats told the FBI as much — "that there were reasons to be unsure about what to make of the information from Papadopoulos," which is why their cable about it was deliberately vague.

Still, "at the time of the opening of Crossfire Hurricane, the FBI did not possess any intelligence showing that anyone associated with the Trump campaign was in contact with Russian intelligence officers at any point during the campaign."

Yet that probe went forward, and became the basis for years of Democrat and leftist mainstream media attacks on Trump. But again, the powers that be were so determined to wreck the unlikely GOP nominee that they didn't much bother analyzing the material they received.

"Our investigation also revealed that senior FBI personnel displayed a serious lack of analytical rigor towards the information that they received, especially information received from politically affiliated persons and entities," the report says:

> This information in part triggered and sustained Crossfire Hurricane and contributed to the subsequent need for Special Counsel [Robert] Mueller's investigation. In particular, there was significant reliance on investigative leads provided or funded (directly or indirectly) by Trump's

> political opponents. The Department did not adequately examine or question these materials and the motivations of those providing them, even when at about the same time the Director of the FBI and others learned of significant and potentially contrary intelligence.

In other words, after Trump's sworn enemies inside the bureau launched the probe on the word of two from the land of koalas and kangaroos, Hillary Clinton's hit team stepped in to provide the FBI with the information to intensify the investigatory attack. Even an FBI trainee with two days at the bureau's academy at Quantico, Virginia, would know that's unethical.

"Confirmation bias played a significant role in the FBI's acceptance of extraordinarily serious allegations derived from uncorroborated information that had not been subjected to the typical exacting analysis employed by the FBI and other members of the Intelligence Community," the report continued:

> The FBI discounted or willfully ignored material information that did not support the narrative of a collusive relationship between Trump and Russia. Similarly, the FBI Inspection Division Report says that the investigators "repeatedly ignore[d] or explain[ed] away evidence contrary to the theory the Trump campaign ... had conspired with Russia.… It appeared that ... there was a pattern of assuming nefarious intent." An objective and honest assessment of these strands of information should have caused the FBI to question not only the predication for Crossfire Hurricane, but also to reflect on whether the FBI was being manipulated for political or other purposes. Unfortunately, it did not.

Another sign of pro-Clinton bias: The FBI offered the Hillary for America campaign "defensive briefings" to let members know that agents were investigating foreign campaign contributions to the Dragon Lady. But Trump received no such briefings, because they might compromise the investigation. And the bureau opened an application to wiretap Trump campaign advisor Carter Page within two days of receiving unverified allegations about him in the Steele Dossier. That defamatory material showed up in a story by Michael Isikoff on Yahoo News.

One standard for Clinton, but another for Trump.

Yet that is not surprising, given the exchanges between two top FBI officials who brazenly said they would derail Trump's campaign.

### Strzok and Page

Those two key players at the top of the FBI's chain of command and involved in the collusion hoax were Peter Strzok, deputy assistant director of counterintelligence, and Lisa Page, a special assistant to Deputy Director Andrew McCabe.

In a frightening transcript, the report discloses just how much the two unsupervised hate-Trump totalitarians thought they could accomplish with the awesome power of the federal government:

> **August 16, 2015:**
> Strzok: [Bernie Sanders is] an idiot like Trump.
> **December 20, 2015 (After exchanging an article about Trump):**
> Page: What an utter idiot.
> Strzok: No doubt.
> **March 3, 2016:**
> Page: God [T]rump is a loathsome human.
> Strzok: Yet he may win [the Republican nomination]. Good for Hillary.
> Page: It is.
> Strzok: Would he be a worse president than [C]ruz?
> Page: Trump? Yes, I think so.
> Strzok: I'm not sure. Omg [Trump's] an idiot.
> Page: He's awful.
> Strzok: America will get what the voting public deserves.
> Page: That's what I'm afraid of.
> Strzok: God, Hillary should win 100,000,000 - 0.
> **May 3, 2016:**
> Page: And holy [expletive] Cruz just dropped out of the race. It's

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**Trump-Russia probe:** Former FBI chief James Comey testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee during its examination of the FBI's "Crossfire Hurricane."

going to be a Clinton Trump race. Unbelievable.

Strzok: What?!?!??

Page: You heard that right my friend.

Strzok: I saw [T]rump won, figured it would be a bit. Now the pressure really starts to finish [the Clinton email investigation] ...

Page: It sure does.

**July 18, 2016 (During the Republican National Convention):**

Strzok: Oooh, TURN IT ON, TURN IT ON!!! THE DOUCHE BAGS ARE ABOUT TO COME OUT. You can tell by the excitable clapping

Page: And wow, Donald Trump is an enormous douche.

**July 19, 2016:**

Strzok: Hi. How was Trump, other than a douche?

Page: Trump barely spoke, but the first thing out of his mouth was "we're going to win soooo big." The whole thing is like living in a bad dream

**July 21, 2016:**

Strzok: Trump is a disaster. I have no idea how destabilizing his Presidency would be

**July 27, 2016:**

Page: Have we opened on him yet?

Strzok: Opened on Trump? If Hillary did, you know 5 field offices would …

Strzok, of course, "both drafted and approved the Crossfire Hurricane opening Communication" on orders from Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, but anyway, Page and Strzok also left these fingerprints at the scene of the crime:

**August 8, 2016:**

Page: [Trump's] not going to become president, right? Right?!

Strzok: No. No, he's not. We'll stop it.

More hate-Trump rhetoric came from disgraced FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith. Eventually convicted of doctoring an email to justify the surveillance warrant, he was suspended from his job "for sending improper political messages to other FBI employees," the report observes. "I am so stressed about what I could have done differently," he said to a colleague. Asked whether he had reconsidered his "commitment to the Trump administration," Clinesmith answered, "Hell no," and "viva le resistance.'"

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**Different Strzoks:** Former FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok, long portrayed by the leftist media and Democrats as a heroic defender of the Republic for his one-man campaign to expose Trump's alleged Russian collusion, was revealed by the Durham probe to be merely a Machiavellian schemer determined to smear Trump with manufactured evidence.

Why these three aren't in federal prison is nearly as inexplicable as why they thought it proper to use the vast resources of the most powerful police agency on the planet to interfere in an election. One sign that FBI agents knew they were involved in wrongdoing surfaced in federal court documents in the case of General Michael Flynn, by the way. Agents purchased liability insurance to protect themselves if they were caught and sued. "We all went and purchased professional liability insurance," one agent texted another.

All this goes well beyond "confirmation bias," which can and does affect just about anyone's judgment.

"Although those involved in opening the Crossfire Hurricane investigation denied that bias against Trump was a factor in opening the investigation," the report amusingly avers, "the communications quoted above quite clearly show, at least on the part of certain personnel intimately involved in the matter, a predisposition to open an investigation into Trump."

Let's call it visceral hatred, not a "predisposition to open an investigation." And that wasn't the only evidence that the FBI was in the tank for Clinton. The bureau refused to investigate solid intelligence that her campaign was colluding with a foreign power, stopped investigating the Clinton Foundation, and, worse still, ignored evidence that showed Clinton conceived the collusion hoax. So Team Clinton sympathizers inside the bureau squelched investigations into its wrongdoing.

That foreign interference was illegal campaign donations. A source identified as Confidential Human Source A (CHS-A) and working with FBI handlers at a field office told one handler that a foreigner called Insider-1, whom the bureau knew had "foreign intelligence and criminal connections," asked the source to set up a meeting with Clinton. The foreigner "wanted to propose" campaign contributions on behalf of a foreign government "for the protection of [the government's interests] should Clinton become President."

The foreigner also wanted to attend a Clinton fundraiser, but didn't because the campaign knew the "negative attention a foreign national might attract." Without telling the handler, the FBI source for the information illegally contributed $2,700 to the campaign on behalf of the foreigner.

Strangely, the FBI did not document the blatantly illegal activity:

> One of CHS-A's FBI handlers could not explain why this apparent illegal contribution was not documented in FBI records.… [T]here is no indication that the agent documented the contribution in the CHS's source file.
>
> [The bureau] also did not document the unauthorized illegal activity by CHS-A in connection with making a campaign contribution purportedly on behalf of Insider-1. Instead, the FBI effectively removed their sole source of insight into this threat when the handling agent, responding to direction, admonished CHS-A:
>
> > do NOT attend any more campaign events, set up meetings, or anything else relating to [Clinton's] campaign. We need to keep you completely away from that situation. I don't know all the details, but it's for your own protection.

Agents in the field office wanted a surveillance warrant to find out just what mischief was afoot with the Clinton Gang, but the application languished at headquarters because bureau officials feared Clinton. "[T]hey were pretty 'tippy-toeing' around [Clinton] because there was a chance she would be the next President," the report said of an agent's assessment. Other investigatory activity went nowhere because "'a politician [Clinton] [was] involved,' and ... the investigation might interfere with a presumed future presidential campaign," the report says.

Or might interfere with a Clinton victory.

Strzok and Page summed up the FBI's jitters over investigating Clinton when they discussed her illegally using a private server to send, receive, and store classified emails. Before the FBI launched that probe, the two had this exchange, on August 24, 2016:

> **Page:** One more thing: [Clinton] may be our next president. The last thing you need [is] going in there loaded for bear. You think she's going to remember or care that it was more doj than fbi?
>
> **Strzok:** Agreed.

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**Partner in crime:** Former FBI lawyer Lisa Page, Strzok's fellow conspirator and illicit lover, shared his hatred for Trump, his support for Hillary, and his fanatical determination to bring down Trump by any means possible.

## Clinton Torpedoes

Yet on false, misleading, and unvetted claims from the two Australians, the FBI immediately opened the investigation. That opened the door for the Clinton Hit Squad to push the collusion smear into high gear.

Had they more carefully examined the information from the Australians and Clinton's Steele Dossier — which alleged a wide-ranging conspiracy between Russia and Trump to defeat Clinton — FBI officials would have learned enough to know their story was, as they say in Washington, D.C., a big, juicy nothingburger. Among the facts they would have uncovered are these:

• As for the suggestion from the Australians that Trump was colluding with Russia, a top bureau intelligence analyst, a Russia specialist, heard nothing about it until July 2016. Nor did the FBI's intelligence analyst. She saw nothing about Trump or his aides being involved in a conspiracy to steal the election from Clinton.

• National Intelligence Director James Clapper told a congressional committee the same thing, and reconfirmed that testimony to Durham's investigators. He knew nothing of any collusion. Nor did the director of the National Security Agency, who did not "have any discussions during the Summer of 2016 with his counterparts in the intelligence community about collusion between the Russians and any Republicans."

• Also unaware of any such intelligence was Victoria Nuland, a top State Department official, as were CIA Director John Brennan and Deputy Director David Cohen. The latter said "he had no recollection of knowing anything Trump was doing with Putin, as opposed to what Putin and the Russians were doing to interfere in the election." The report says:

> Cohen stated that if there were such knowledge, it would have been included in a formal referral to the FBI. In addition, if the CIA had become aware of any U.S. person being involved in a criminal conspiracy, it

> would have sent the information to the FBI in a formal referral. He advised that he was not aware of any such referrals in this matter.

In other words, the bureau launched a wild goose chase despite there being no goose. The bureau had no intelligence whatsoever that Trump or his aides were "colluding" with Russia.

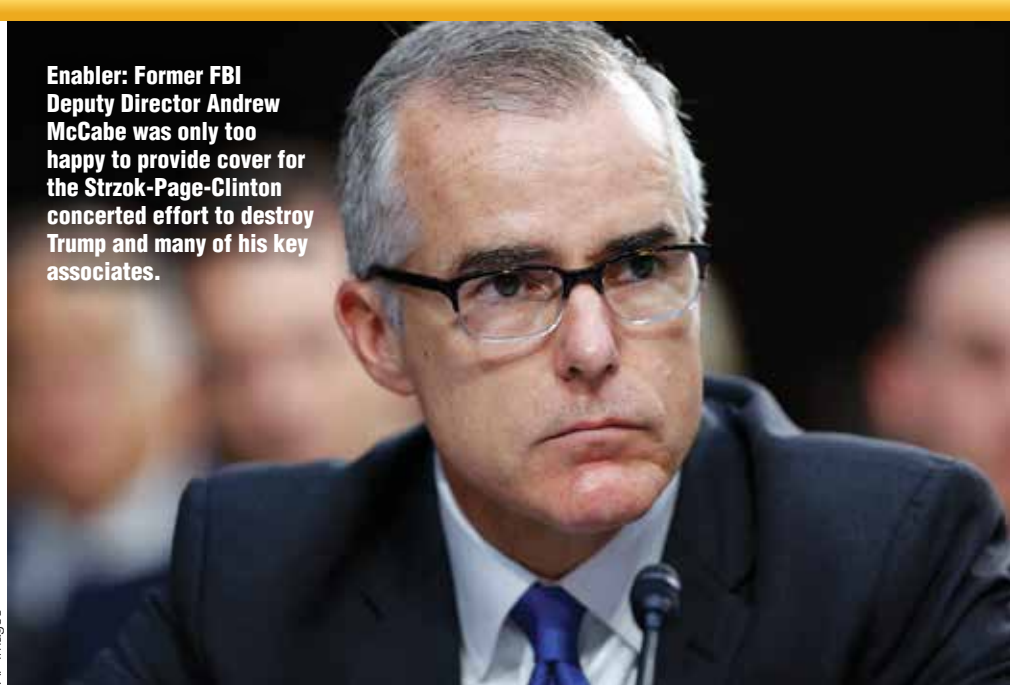
That would be shocking enough. But more so was the bureau's acceptance of the Steele Dossier and Clinton's larger collusion narrative at face value, *despite knowing* their origin. Everyone knew that Clinton manufactured the hoax to smear Trump, including President Obama. Brennan briefed Obama on "alleged approval by Hillary Clinton on July 26, 2016 of a proposal from one of her foreign policy advisors to vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by Russian security services," his handwritten notes on the meeting say.

As well, intelligence officials told the FBI about the nefarious plot on September 7, 2016 in a referral to FBI chief James Comey and Strzok himself. The referral regarded "U.S. Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's approval of a plan" to finger Trump for collusion to stop public discussion of her very illegal use of a private email server.

Though top FBI officials told Durham's investigators that they didn't recall any such referral, the bureau knew that Clinton was behind the narrative, at least as far as the Steele Dossier and Trump-Russian bank and cellphone allegations from Clinton torpedo Michael Sussmann were concerned (see page 19).

Steele told an FBI agent in London that Fusion GPS, a Clinton campaign cutout, hired him to gather information about Trump; i.e., that "Fusion GPS had been hired by a law firm and that his ultimate client was 'senior Democrats' supporting Clinton." Importantly, the agent's notes say that "HC" was aware of Steele's reporting. Strzok also knew Steele was a Clinton legman.

Importantly, the FBI verified nothing in the Steele Dossier before it used the hate-Trump material to seek a warrant to wiretap Trump campaign official Carter Page, who came off as a key colluder with the Russians. He wasn't. FBI official Clinesmith, again, added a falsehood to an email to justify the application for the warrant, a crime for which he not only lost his job but also landed a year's probation. And in applying for that warrant with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, the FBI failed to disclose that the Clinton campaign bought and paid for the dossier. Indeed, the FBI itself nearly bought and paid for it. At a meeting in Rome a month before the 2016 election, the bureau offered Steele $1 million if he could prove the allegations.



**Enabler: Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe was only too happy to provide cover for the Strzok-Page-Clinton concerted effort to destroy Trump and many of his key associates.**

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But back to Clinton's Plan, as the report calls it, and how top FBI officials misled their own underlings about it:

> The original Supervisory Special Agent on the Crossfire Hurricane investigation, Supervisory Special Agent-1, reviewed the intelligence [about the Clinton plan] during one of his interviews with [Durham's] Office. After reading it, Supervisory Special Agent-1 became visibly upset and emotional, left the interview room with his counsel, and subsequently returned to state emphatically that he had never been apprised of the Clinton Plan intelligence and had never seen the aforementioned Referral Memo.

Understandably, the agent felt betrayed. Though Durham investigators told him the Clinton Plan hadn't quite been proved, the agent insisted that he should have been told about it.

Of course, Clinton campaign execs said allegations of such a plan were "ridiculous." Indeed, three of them used that same term, which suggests they coordinated their answers.

And Clinton? The information about the plan, revealed by Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe in September 2020, was "really sad," but "I get it, you have to go down every rabbit hole." She said that it "looked like Russian disinformation to me; they're very good at it, you know."

## The Real Collusion Scandal

So too is the Clinton Propaganda Machine, which had the leftist mainstream media baying for Trump's blood for years after it conceived the plan to smear him. Accusing Trump of "collusion" was not only an exemplar of Clinton's evil genius, but also, amusingly, a remarkable facsimile of what the headshrinkers call projection; i.e., accusing someone of something that one is doing himself.

So yes, during the 2016 presidential campaign, someone colluded with Rus-

sia to win the election. But it wasn't Trump. It was the FBI and the Clinton campaign. A key player was Clinton bellhop Charles Dolan, the report shows, a veteran PR man and advisor to Clinton's 2008 campaign. He was bosom buddies with two Russians who were either sources or conduits for the collusion allegations. Indeed, interviewed by Durham's investigators, Dolan "acknowledged … that he fabricated" a key allegation in the Steele report — the resignation of campaign honcho Paul Manafort and his supposedly rocky relationship with advisor Corey Lewandowski.

"Close associate of TRUMP explains reasoning behind MANAFORT's recent resignation," the Steele Dossier allegation said:

> Ukraine revelations played part but others wanted MANAFORT out for various reasons, especially LEWANDOWSKI who remains influential.... [A]n American political figure associated with Donald TRUMP and his campaign outlined the reasons behind MANAFORT's recent demise. S/he said it was true that the Ukraine corruption revelations had played a part in this, but also, several senior players close to TRUMP had wanted MANAFORT out, primarily to loosen his control on strategy and policy formulation. Of particular importance in this regard was MANAFORT's predecessor as campaign manager, Corey LEWANDOWSKI, who hated MANAFORT personally and remained close to TRUMP with whom he discussed the presidential campaign on a regular basis.

Dolan pushed that claim to Steele through Igor Danchenko, one of the two Russians to whom he was tied. The FBI had investigated Danchenko, Steele's main source, as a probable Russian agent for three years, a probe that ended in 2011when the FBI mistakenly thought he had left the country. He hadn't. In 2017, despite the unresolved question of whether he was a spy, the bureau paid Danchenko $220,000 to become an informant. So Dolan — again, a key Clinton operative — colluded with a Russian spy suspect. So did the FBI.

Dolan denied that he was a source for anything else but the Manafort lie. That's doubtful. The famous Trump "pee tape" was among the more bizarre and patently ridiculous allegations in the dossier. When Trump stayed at the Ritz Carlton in Moscow, the dossier claimed, he paid two prostitutes to micturate on the bed because the Obamas slept there. And, the dossier said, he watched. Preposterous, yes, but leftist, hate-Trump Mainstream Media swallowed the yarn and the rest of Steele's disinformation like Homer Simpson swallowed the shrimp at The Frying Dutchman's all-you-can-eat buffet.

Danchenko told the FBI he heard the pee story from staffers at the Ritz, the report notes. "Our investigation, however, revealed that it was Dolan, not Danchenko, who actually interacted with the hotel staff identified in the Steele Reports, so between the two, Dolan appears the more likely source of the allegations."

Dolan, of course, denied that he told Danchenko any such thing, which means someone lied when speaking with Durham's office.

Another reason to disbelieve that the Manafort lie was not Dolan's only contribution to the dossier is the second Russian. One Olga Galkina claimed she channeled collusion nonsense through Dolan that landed in the Steele report.

The upshot is, the bureau did not confirm any allegations in Steele's dossier. And it couldn't do so even after offering Steele $1 million to prove them, and paying Danchenko more than $220,000 for more damning information.

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**Victim of circumstance:** Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort was deliberately smeared and targeted by the "lawfare" unleashed by the FBI and the Clinton campaign. He ended up being sent to prison on false charges stemming from the Russian collusion hoax, before eventually being pardoned by President Trump.

## One Failure After Another

The report's closing pages reprise the most remarkable facts about Crossfire Hurricane.

Here is the list of failures, condensed to make it more manageable:

• The Australians told Crossfire Hurricane investigators that Papadopoulos never said he had contact with the Russians and did not provide information about their offer to assist the campaign.

• The intelligence provided zero information that backed the underlying theory that sparked the probe.

• The FBI generally ignored the signifi-

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**Unreliable source:** Igor Danchenko, a Russian analyst at the Brookings Institution, was shown by the Durham Report to be the chief source of spurious information contained in the Steele Dossier. He was indicted for lying to the FBI about the dossier but, not surprisingly, was acquitted on all charges by a Washington, D.C., jury.

cant exculpatory information provided by Carter Page, George Papadopoulos, and [a Trump senior foreign policy advisor].

• The FBI ignored leads contrary to its collusion narrative.

• It failed to accept an offer from Page to be interviewed about the published allegation against him.

• The bureau used unvetted and uncorroborated material from Steele in multiple applications for surveillance warrants.

• Crossfire Hurricane investigators did not even ask Steele about his providing collusion allegations about Page to Isikoff.

• The FBI ignored that it never corroborated a single substantive allegation in the Steele Dossier reporting either before, during, or after the probe.

• The bureau never examined the counterespionage problems with Danchenko.

• FBI leaders simply ignored the obvious — that the Clinton campaign manufactured the collusion allegations.

• Crossfire Hurricane investigators ignored Dolan's ties to the Russians and never interviewed him.

All those egregious errors lead to just one conclusion: Rogue agents inside the FBI turned the bureau into an arm of the Clinton campaign and Democratic Party.

## 25th Amendment

Durham's report aside, other evidence explains why "the FBI discounted or willfully ignored material information" contrary to the collusion tale. That evidence came from disgraced Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, who revealed in an interview with Scott Pelley of CBS's *60 Minutes* why he opened Crossfire Hurricane and his role in discussions about using the 25th Amendment to the Constitution to overthrow Trump.

The 25th Amendment establishes the manner of removing a president who is *incapable* of doing his job. But it is not a means to remove a president with whom Congress, Cabinet members, or mini-totalitarians in the federal bureaucracy disagree. Or whom they don't like.

McCabe told Pelley that he opened Crossfire Hurricane because Trump fired FBI Director James Comey on the recommendation of Rosenstein and then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions. And, as well, McCabe worried that an investigation wouldn't launch if he were fired. Trump might have won the election "with the aid of the government of Russia, our most formidable adversary on the world stage," McCabe told Pelley. "And that was something that troubled me greatly."

McCabe wanted to ensure that the "Russia case [was] on absolutely solid ground, in an indelible fashion," and that "were I removed quickly, or reassigned or fired, that the case could not be closed or vanish in the night without a trace."

Except that the case was never on "absolutely solid ground," as the Durham Report shows. McCabe surely knew that, and that's what should have troubled him.

So maybe he targeted Trump for another reason: revenge and returning a favor. When McCabe's wife, Jill, lost a race for Virginia Senate, Trump called her a "loser." Or so McCabe says. "No man wants to hear his wife called a 'loser,'" he told Pelley. True enough, but the *Democratic* candidate's campaign was fortified with $500,000 from yet another Clinton footboy, Terry McCauliffe, the former governor of Virginia.

So we'll never know the truth.

In so many words, the Durham Report says McCabe had no reason to open Crossfire Hurricane, and McCabe's links through his wife to the Clinton Combine provide more evidence that the bureau's real purpose was sinking Trump's campaign and electing Clinton. When Trump won, the new objective was destroying his presidency.

And so the probe continued, and discussion about removing Trump with the 25th Amendment began inside the FBI and Justice Department. McCabe discussed it with Deputy U.S. Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

"Rod raised the issue and discussed it with me in the context of thinking about how many other cabinet officials might support such an effort," McCabe told Pelley:

> I didn't have much to contribute, to be perfectly honest, in that — conversation. So I listened to what he had to say…. So it was really something that he kinda threw out in a very frenzied chaotic conversation about where we were and what we needed to do next.

McCabe also discussed the aborted coup with then-FBI General Counsel James Baker, who also figures in the Durham Report.

"Andy McCabe told me that [Rosenstein] had talked about the 25th Amendment," Baker testified in an appearance before a joint U.S. House committee meeting. He "told me that [Rosenstein] said that he had at least two members of the cabinet who were ready to invoke the 25th Amendment."

Those men, intelligent lawyers all, had to have known that any such plan was patently preposterous and nothing less than what Trump impeachment attorney Alan Dershowitz called it: an unconstitutional "coup d'etat."

Those officials should never have even discussed it, said the retired Harvard law professor:

> And any Justice Department official who even mentioned the 25th amendment in the context of President Trump has committed a grievous offense against the Constitution. The framers of the 25th Amendment had in mind something very specific, and trying to use the 25th amendment to circumvent the impeachment provisions or to circumvent an election is a despicable act of unconstitutional power-grabbing.

True enough, but the first "grievous offense" was the FBI's helping orchestrate the Clinton campaign's collusion hoax that severely damaged a presidency. For four years, Trump was under siege by Democrats and their Media Information Ministry, who continued pushing the deranged conspiracy theory *after* Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe found no collusion.

The Durham probe accomplished little. Durham prosecuted Danchenko and Sussmann for lying to the FBI. A jury acquitted both. And the report will change absolutely nothing about the way the Deep State works, because the key players in the Russia Collusion Hoax skated away from prosecution and prison time. The only punishments were two. One was Clinesmith's conviction. The other was fines of $8,000 and $105,000 that the Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee paid for lying to the Federal Election Commission about the political blood money it paid a law firm to help create the hoax.

Trump sued Clinton and dozens of others, including Christopher Steele, in federal court for $24 million for concocting the hoax. A judge appointed by President Bill Clinton dismissed the lawsuit, which is now before the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Trump would get some measure of justice if he prevails, but criminal prosecutions are the only way to stop the FBI from continuing to act as a secret police force for the Deep State and Democratic Party.

That's a sad thing for those who remember when most Americans really believed the FBI lived up to its motto — fidelity, bravery, integrity. The days of the FBI's Chip Hardestys running evildoers to ground are over. Today's FBI works with evildoers to hunt presidential candidates who threaten the Deep State. ■

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# CLINTON, DEEP STATE WON; AMERICAN JUSTICE LOST

While the Durham Report shed light on the shadowy operations of the FBI, the acquittals of Michael Sussmann and Igor Danchenko are a victory for the Clintons and the Deep State.

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**Sus man:** Clinton campaign lawyer Michael Sussmann, a consummate D.C. insider, was one of the prime sources of false information peddled to the media from the infamous Steele Dossier manufactured by Fusion GPS. And as befits a D.C. insider, Sussmann was acquitted of his crimes by a D.C. jury.

***by R. Cort Kirkwood***

Special Counsel John Durham's report on the FBI's ill-conceived Crossfire Hurricane probe presents a nearly ironclad case that the bureau collaborated, even if inadvertently, with the 2016 Hillary for America presidential campaign to destroy Donald Trump. Indeed, Trump and his campaign didn't collude with Russia to win the election. The FBI and the Clinton Mafia did (see article on page 10).

Yet the 306-page report's excruciatingly detailed account of the collusion allegations also shows that something went terribly wrong in the only two cases Durham prosecuted: those of Clinton gofer Michael Sussmann and espionage suspect Igor Danchenko, both of whom were acquitted of lying to the FBI about their roles in conceiving the hoax.

Sussmann's case is the more perplexing because Durham's evidence was bulletproof. The perpetrator's fingerprints, so to speak, were on the murder weapon. But the prosecutor ran into a jury with at least two biased members. The judge was indirectly linked to one of the hoax conspirators.

That observation doesn't prove anything, of course. But those biases could not have helped Durham's case in deep blue, Deep State Washington, D.C. Those insurmountable difficulties aside, when it was over, the Clinton Mafia won, and American justice lost.

## Sussmann's Role

Sussmann's story begins when the Clinton campaign hired his Perkins Coie law firm. Perkins Coie in turn hired an outfit called Fusion GPS, which paid Christopher Steele to manufacture the pack of lies called the Steele Dossier.

Sussmann was nothing more than a campaign cutout to peddle lies to the media and FBI. One fabulous yarn concerned Trump's supposed connection to the Russian Alfa Bank.

Beginning in July or August 2016, Sussmann, a person called Rodney Joffe, and "agents of the Clinton campaign together assembled and disseminated the Alfa Bank allegations and other derogatory information about Trump and his associates to the media and then to the FBI," the report says:

> Generally speaking, the Alfa Bank allegations pertained to assertions that a "secret" email server located in Pennsylvania was configured to allow email communications between Alfa Bank and the Trump Organization through a "TOR exit node" (i.e., a node used for anonymized internet traffic) at Spectrum Health, a U.S.-based healthcare company located in Michigan.

A second absurd allegation was that "Trump or his associates were using, in the vicinity of the White House and other locations, one or more telephones from the Russian mobile telephone provider Yotaphone."

Yet the details about those false allegations are less important than the crime Sussmann committed when he pushed them to the FBI through General Counsel James Baker.

"The night before he met with Baker, Sussmann sent the following text message to Baker's personal cellphone," the report says:

> "Jim — it's Michael Sussmann. I have something time-sensitive (and sensitive) I need to discuss. Do you have availability for a short meeting tomorrow? I'm coming on my own — not on behalf of a client or company — want to help the Bureau. Thanks."
>
> Baker responded: "Ok. I will find a time. What might work for you?"
>
> To which Sussmann replied: "Any time but lunchtime — you name it."

The next day, the two met at FBI headquarters for 30 minutes in Baker's office, where Sussmann told Baker about a "surreptitious communications channel" between the bank and Trump's organization.

There, too, Sussmann told Baker, "I'm not here on behalf of any particular client."

Baker later said that he was "100 percent confident" that Sussmann so informed him, and that he believed Sussmann because they were friends.

Sussmann had already leaked the material to the media, so Baker jumped on it because published allegations would obviously cause Trump's people to destroy the communications.

FBI officials whom Baker told about the Sussmann meeting wrote contemporaneous notes of their conversation. They, too, reported that he was not representing a client. "Said not doing this for any client," one wrote. Wrote another, "no specific client but group of cyber academics talked w/ him about research."

## Acquitted of Lying

That claim was false.

"Emails, billing records, and testimonial evidence offered at trial show that during approximately the same time period — and before approaching the FBI about these matters — Sussmann provided the Alfa Bank allegations to Eric Lichtblau, a reporter for the *New York Times*," the report says. Sussmann billed that meeting under the description "confidential meetings regarding confidential project."

As well, "emails and billing records further show that, during the same time period, Sussmann and Joffe worked together to draft a white paper, which summarized the Alfa Bank allegations and which Sussmann provided to the FBI during his September 19th meeting with James Baker," the report continues.

In other words, Sussmann lied to Baker. Durham's case was unimpeachable.

Nevertheless, the jury acquitted him.

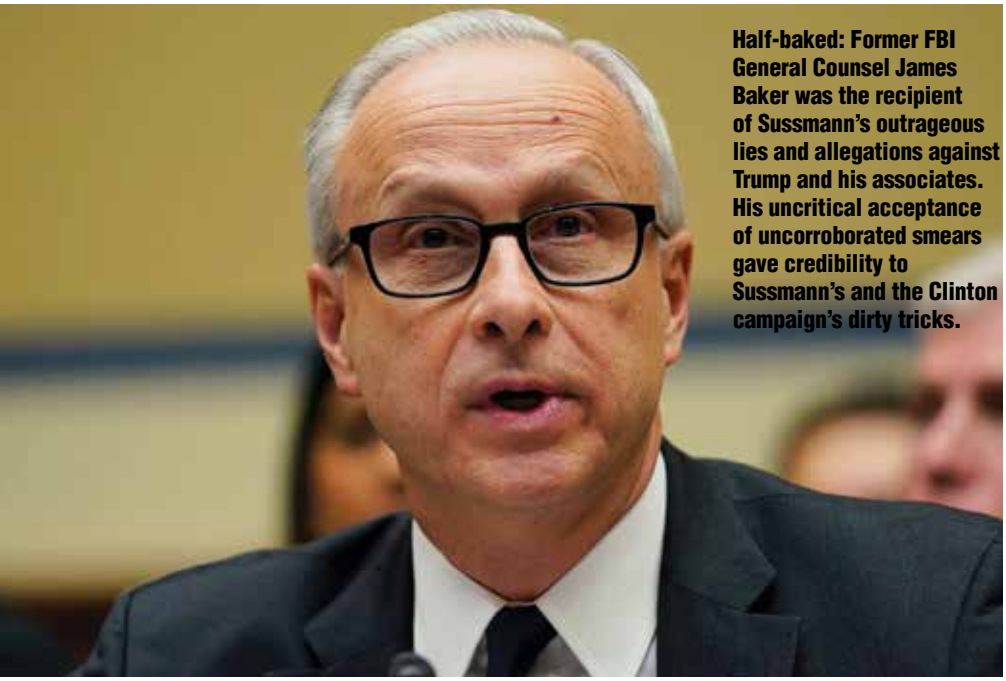
One of those jurors was a Democrat donor, while another "strongly" disliked Trump, as Fox News reported about the possible bias. Yet both assured the court that they could impartially consider the charges against Sussmann.

The judge, Christopher Cooper, worked on Barack Obama's transition team and knew Sussmann from their days at the Department of Justice. At least Cooper disclosed that fact in court.

"I don't believe that this creates a conflict, but my regular practice is to disclose these sorts of relationships with lawyers or with parties on the record," Cooper said. "And I would advise you that I would be happy to entertain a motion if either side believes there is a conflict on that basis or any other."

But that wasn't all.

Cooper's wife represented unindicted hoax conspirator Lisa Page in a lawsuit against the FBI and DOJ. Page alleged that the two bureaucracies violated her privacy rights when they released text messages to and from unindicted hoax conspirator Peter Strzok.



**Half-baked: Former FBI General Counsel James Baker was the recipient of Sussmann's outrageous lies and allegations against Trump and his associates. His uncritical acceptance of uncorroborated smears gave credibility to Sussmann's and the Clinton campaign's dirty tricks.**

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## A Bigger Lie

Yet telling Baker that he wasn't working for the Clinton Mafia wasn't the only falsehood Sussmann peddled to the bureau. The bank allegations and cellphone messages were false, too, agents found.

Yet in so doing, they weren't helped by *not knowing* the source of the allegations, the report avers.

The FBI "put a 'close hold' on Sussmann's identity as the source of the allegations and to prevent its disclosure to the Alfa Bank case team.… The investigation revealed that multiple members of the Alfa Bank case team were 'frustrated' and 'concerned' that they were prevented from interviewing the source of the allegations."

Indeed, field agents asked for the identity of the sources more than once, only to

be denied. That means they couldn't interview Sussmann to evaluate him personally.

"Ultimately, the case team never learned that Sussmann was the source of the allegations nor that he was connected in any way to the DNC and the Clinton Campaign," the report avers. "The FBI's investigation ultimately concluded that it was unable to substantiate any of the allegations in the white paper that Sussmann provided to Baker."

One reason the jury might have acquitted Sussmann is that Clinton campaign execs claimed they never authorized Sussmann to approach the FBI with the allegations. Indeed, the FBI knew the allegations were just that — allegations. Unproven allegations. And Clinton's hit team, of course, knew it had manufactured them. Clinton herself authorized the Big Lie.

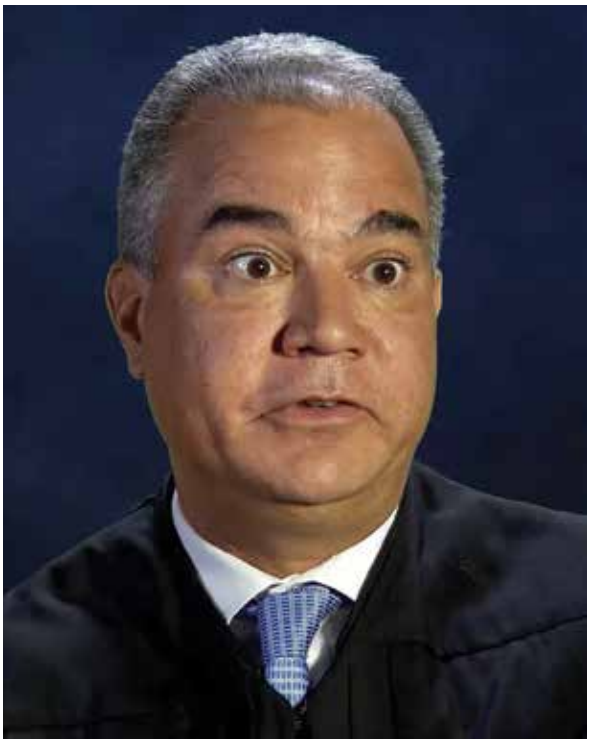
Sussmann and other campaign torpedoes retailed those lies to the pro-Clinton media, which, emails in the report show, was little more than an adjunct to the campaign's press people. Stories about the supposed Trump-Alfa Bank link dropped just days before voters went to the polls:

> On October 31, 2016 — a little over one week before the election — multiple media outlets reported that the FBI had received and was investigating allegations concerning a purported secret channel between the Trump Organization and Alfa Bank. On that day, the *New York Times* published an article titled *Investigating Donald Trump, F.B.I Sees No Clear Link to Russia*. The article stated that the FBI possessed information concerning "what cyber experts said appeared to be a mysterious back channel between the Trump Organization and Alfa Bank." The article further reported that the FBI "had spent weeks examining computer data showing an odd stream of activity to a Trump Organization server," and that the *New York Times* had been provided computer logs that evidenced this activity. The article also noted that the FBI had not found "any conclusive or direct link" between Trump and the Russian government and that "Hillary Clinton's supporters ... pushed for these investigations." On the same date, *Slate* published an article titled *Was a Trump Server Communicating with Russia?* that likewise discussed at length the allegations that Sussmann provided to the FBI.

That material provided Clinton and her team "news" they could push on social media.

"Computer scientists have apparently uncovered a covert server linking the Trump Organization to a Russian-based bank," Clinton tweeted after stories about the lie appeared, the report observes:

> The tweet included a statement from Clinton campaign advisor Jake Sullivan which made reference to the media coverage article and stated, in relevant part, that the allegations in the article "could be the most direct link yet between Donald Trump and Moscow[,] that "[t]his secret hotline may be the key to unlocking the mystery of Trump's ties to Russia[,]" and that "[w]e can only assume that federal authorities will now explore this direct connection between Trump and Russia as part of their existing probe into Russia's meddling in our elections."



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**Compromised:** Judge Christopher Cooper, who presided over Sussmann's acquittal, was a friend of Barack Obama who worked on his transition team — which Cooper did admit in court. What he did not admit was that his wife represented Peter Strzok's partner in crime, Lisa Page.

Despite the lies and falsehoods — despite a major FBI-Clinton campaign conspiracy to ruin Trump — not one individual connected to the nefarious scheme went to jail.

### Danchenko Acquitted, Too

Danchenko, the target of an FBI probe to determine whether he was a Russian spy, skated away from a conviction as well.

He lied, Durham alleged, when he told the FBI he had never spoken with Clinton footman Charles Dolan, whom the report suggests was the source for perhaps the most scurrilous allegation in the Steele Dossier: that Trump hired two prostitutes to urinate on the bed in the presidential suite of the Ritz Carlton in Moscow because the Obamas slept there.

The judge acquitted Danchenko of the charge before it went before the jury. Four other of Durham's charges went nowhere as well.

### Nothing to See Here

All of which means that they got away with it. Hate-Trump top FBI insiders got away with hiding the source of spurious allegations. And despite orchestrating a conspiracy with a foreign spy to ruin Trump, the Clinton Mafia, as it so often has, walked off scot-free.

The Durham probe itself ended without a conviction. The one conviction connected with the hoax resulted from a probe by the bureau's inspector general, although Durham prosecuted the case. FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith was sentenced to probation and community service for altering an email to justify a surveillance warrant on Trump campaign official Carter Page.

But, again, the colluders with Russians to fix a presidential election were not Trump and his associates. It was the FBI and Clinton all along. ■

# FROM THE REPORT

**1**

"The government possessed no verified intelligence reflecting that Trump or the Trump campaign was involved in a conspiracy or collaborative relationship with officials of the Russian government. Indeed, based on the evidence gathered in the multiple exhaustive and costly federal investigations of these matters, including the instant investigation, neither U.S. law enforcement nor the Intelligence Community appears to have possessed any actual evidence of collusion in their holdings at the commencement of the Crossfire Hurricane investigation."

**2**

"The speed and manner in which the FBI opened and investigated Crossfire Hurricane during the presidential election season based on raw, unanalyzed, and uncorroborated intelligence also reflected a noticeable departure from how it approached prior matters involving possible attempted foreign election interference plans aimed at the Clinton campaign.... In each of those instances, the FBI moved with considerable caution."

**3**

"These examples [enthusiasm to investigate claims against Trump] are also markedly different from the FBI's actions with respect to other highly significant intelligence it received from a trusted foreign source pointing to a Clinton campaign plan to vilify Trump by tying him to Vladimir Putin so as to divert attention from her own concerns relating to her use of a private email server.... [I]n this separate matter involving a purported Clinton campaign plan, the FBI never opened any type of inquiry, issued any taskings, employed any analytical personnel, or produced any analytical products in connection with the information."

**4**

"Our investigation determined that the Crossfire Hurricane investigators did not and could not corroborate any of the substantive allegations contained in the Steele reporting. Nor was Steele able to produce corroboration for any of the reported allegations, even after being offered $1 million or more by the FBI for such corroboration.... Danchenko characterized the information he provided to Steele as 'rumor and speculation' and the product of casual conversation."

**5**

"We conclude that ... the FBI failed to uphold their important mission of strict fidelity to the law in connection with certain events and activities described in this report.... FBI attorney Kevin Clinesmith committed a criminal offense in fabricating language in an email that was material to the FBI obtaining a FISA surveillance order.... FBI personnel working on that same FISA application displayed, at best, a cavalier attitude towards accuracy and completeness. FBI personnel also repeatedly disregarded important requirements when they continued to seek renewals of that FISA surveillance while acknowledging ... that they did not genuinely believe there was probable cause to believe that the target was knowingly engaged in clandestine intelligence activities on behalf of a foreign power.... And certain personnel disregarded significant exculpatory information that should have prompted investigative restraint and re-examination."

# Whistleblowers Shine Light on FBI Corruption

Despite ferocious persecution of themselves and their families at the hands of the FBI, courageous whistleblowers told their stories to Congress.

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**Committed to the truth:** Members of the House Judiciary Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government listen to whistleblower testimony on February 9, 2023.

***by Steve Bonta***

Only days after the release of the long-awaited Durham Report, the House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government held hearings featuring testimony from four FBI whistleblowers focusing on abuse of power in the January 6 investigation. The viewing public was treated to a spectacle of three courageous live witnesses (plus a fourth witness in a videotaped interview) subject to hostile, carping interrogation by Democratic lawmakers bent on scoring partisan points above all else. The hearing did nothing to allay public concerns that, after all, the FBI has been transformed into the Biden-era enforcement Stasi of radical Left orthodoxy and the enemy of ordinary decent Americans. It is only the new GOP majority in the House that has finally allowed the testimony of these whistleblowers to see the light of day.

The three live witnesses — Garret O'Boyle, Stephen Friend, and Marcus Allen — were all suspended without pay and had their security clearances revoked and their health benefits taken away simply for questioning the FBI's aggressive tactics in investigating anyone and everyone in and around Capitol Hill on January 6, 2021. O'Boyle, a former police officer from Waukesha, Wisconsin, who was also a veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan before becoming an FBI special agent, was transferred across the country to a new assignment in Quantico — only to have his clearance suspended and all his belongings seized the day after he and his family arrived in Virginia. Because of an arcane FBI policy, he also is being forbidden from getting any new employment, leaving him and his family without income and without health insurance. Friend was similarly suspended without pay for making protected disclosures, and was also barred from seeking other employment. All three men have exemplary credentials and service histories, but because they dared to question the increasingly suffocating leftist January 6 orthodoxy at the FBI, they and their families have been made to pay a terrible price by their vindictive employer.

Nor did they receive any sympathy from bitter, apoplectic Democrats on the subcommittee, who expressed not a scintilla of compassion, preferring instead to assassinate their character and impugn their motives. The sorry spectacle began with the ever-bilious Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett of the U.S. Virgin Islands, the ranking member of the subcommittee, who unleashed a racist jeremiad characterizing the hearing as a "circus" indulging "conspiracy theories and speculations" — and Republicans as only interested in protecting the rights of white men; this, despite the embarrassingly inconvenient fact that one of the three whistleblowers, Allen, is black.

Allen was later singled out for awkward obloquy by the pink-haired Linda Sanchez of California, who attempted to smear Allen by associating him with a retweet of a post blaming January 6 on Nancy Pelosi. When Allen pointed out that the Twitter account was not his, Sanchez, rather than apologizing for the misinformation and moving on, continued talking over Allen and aggressively pressing him to state whether or not he agreed with the post.

Despite the efforts of the Democrats to divert the hearing from its intended purposes, we learned a lot from the four

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valiant whistleblowers. For one thing, George Hill, the whistleblower who appeared on videotape and who had worked in the FBI's Boston field office, confirmed what has long been suspected — that the FBI has been unwilling to release the full footage of the events of January 6 because it had assets on the ground there, likely both undercover agents and civilian informants. Hill indicated that, in a back-and-forth between his office and the Washington office, agents in Boston were under pressure to launch investigations on anyone from their area who had been in D.C. on January 6 — but that Washington refused to furnish any video evidence of criminal activity of the 140 people on its Boston-area target list unless it had "the exact time and place those individuals were inside the Capitol." When agents in Boston expressed reluctance to target people with no evidence of criminal activity, the Washington office admitted that it needed to protect the identities of assets on the ground — "UC's, undercover officers, or CHS, confidential human sources, on those videos whose identity we need to protect." Agents in the field, they insisted, just needed to take them on their word that all of the 140 alleged suspects in fact needed investigation.

All of this was widely alleged prior to the latest hearings, but such testimony all but confirmed it, in spite of withering efforts by the Democrats to cast the whistleblowers as unstable, dishonest, and unreliable witnesses.

Even more eye-opening was testimony elicited by Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) that illustrated how certain private corporations appear to be operating in concert with the FBI's unprecedented general crackdown on American citizens. Agent Hill explained in a taped interview how Bank of America, "with no directive from the FBI, data-mined its customer base." The banking behemoth generated a list of all customers who had carried out a debit-card or credit-card transaction in the D.C. area between January 5 and January 7, 2021 — and then cross-checked it with all customers who had purchased a firearm, any place, anytime. It then handed over the massive list to the FBI. This testimony was corroborated by that of another whistleblower, Joseph Bonavolanta, according to the House write-up on the hearings. This means that the FBI in essence cooperated with a sympathetic private entity to obtain confidential records without a warrant or any other color of legality. And Bank of America is evidently mimicking its Washington masters in dissembling and covering up after the fact. TND news approached the bank for comment on its alleged involvement with the FBI's January 6 investigation, only to be told by a bank spokesman, "Bank of America follows all applicable laws and regulatory requirements to receive, evaluate, process, safeguard and narrowly respond to law enforcement requests." When asked point-blank whether Bank of America could verify complying with a request from the FBI for customer information, the bank spokesperson refused to answer.

Aside from the J6 investigation, the whistleblowers addressed other examples of FBI excess with an "I-told-you-so" ring. Stephen Friend, whose specialty had been the investigation of child pornographers and child traffickers — the sort of human refuse that most of us would not have the stomach to deal with as a matter of course — testified about being relieved of those duties and reassigned to investigation of "domestic terrorists" that included both the open-ended J6 dragnet and parents at school-board meetings. In his official declaration, he wrote:

> In October of 2021, an Assistant Special Agent in Charge informed my supervisor that I was reassigned as a member of the Joint Terrorism Task Force … and directed to concentrate my time towards domestic terrorism investigations…. I was also told that child sexual abuse material investigations were no longer an FBI priority and should be referred to local law enforcement agencies.

In response to questioning by Representative Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Friend admitted that he had been involved in the surveillance of parents attending school-board meetings, confirming another of the major allegations

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**Blowing the whistle:** Garret O'Boyle, one of the three FBI whistleblowers to testify in person before the House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government, detailed how the FBI moved his family to Quantico — and then put him on suspension the day after his arrival, seizing all of his family's assets, revoking his security clearance, and even preventing him from seeking other employment.

against the Biden-era FBI that have been generating public outrage for months. This claim, of course, has long been dismissed by the leftist lapdog news media, with *The Washington Post* on October 15, 2021 scornfully labeling as "false" the notion that Attorney General Merrick Garland's Justice Department was spying on parents at school-board meetings. This and other effusions of the kept media were in response to the now-notorious memorandum issued by Garland on October 4, 2021 in response to a request by the National School Boards Association that the Justice Department use counterterrorism tools, including the Patriot Act, to go after obstreperous parents at school-board meetings. In the months since, House Republicans have amassed a large body of whistleblower testimony confirming the weaponization of the FBI against disgruntled parents — testimony that had been ignored and marginalized by Democrats and disdainfully dismissed by their legion of symps in the corporate media. Seeing such testimony for the first time from living, breathing witnesses is long-overdue vindication for those of us weary of the lies of the radical Left faction in control of the federal government and its media myrmidons.

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**Bank betrayal:** The hearings revealed that Bank of America was a willing accomplice to the FBI, and data-mined its customers on a massive scale to find out which of its customers in the D.C. area on January 6 had ever purchased a firearm.

Friend's testimony also gave Americans an unsettling view of the warped priorities of the new FBI and its leftist enablers in the D.C. establishment. Merrick's minions are now far more focused on taking revenge on anyone who might have been ushered by Capitol Hill police into the halls of the Capitol on January 6, and whose shoes might have left unsightly scuff marks on its polished floors, than on running to ground international sex traffickers, producers of child pornography, and other malevolent criminals some of whose crimes against the innocent would make even the late, unlamented Jeffrey Epstein blush with shame. That so many Democrats would viciously attack the men trying to expose the FBI's deprioritizing of such crimes speaks volumes of their own demagnetized moral compasses.

The testimonies of O'Boyle, Fields, Allen, and Hill are but the latest in a series of devastating disclosures showing how the FBI of yore has been transformed into an American-flavored Stasi. And the ongoing abuses of whistleblowers are symptomatic of an organization with no intention of reforming itself. While the media have been busy mischaracterizing the abuses detailed in the Durham Report as mistakes that have since been corrected by internal reforms, the FBI's crackdown on internal dissent and whistleblowing is both unapologetic and ongoing. The FBI's response to the whistleblower testimony was to accuse all three live witnesses of unprofessional conduct, extremist views, and even violations of the law — this, even as the bureau shows flagrant contempt for congressional authority by repeatedly defying a congressional subpoena for an unclassified document that might incriminate the Bidens.

For this viewer, at least, the most damning testimony was less about misconduct (although that was galling enough) than about the misplaced moral priorities that are the hallmark of the radical Left. Left unchecked and unreformed, we can only wonder how long before the FBI reallocates resources from the pursuit of bank robbers and serial killers to the surveillance and prosecution of anyone openly opposing the woke orthodoxy being imposed everywhere in the commons, both online and offline. Will we soon see federal agents breaching the homes of people criticizing the sexual mutilation of minors, or questioning the approved narrative on Covid vaccines, or taking homosexual activists to task?

Given the revelations of these whistleblowers, that day may not be far off, unless the FBI is speedily brought to heel or defunded entirely. Given the entrenched power of the FBI and the rest of the intelligence community, defunding may be the only viable option. This agency, now proven complicit in the destruction of an entire presidency, as well as engaged in a no-holds-barred campaign of intimidation against patriotic Americans, may be unsalvageable. Whatever the case, Republicans in the House will have to act soon — before Garland, FBI Director Christopher Wray, and company turn their formidable powers against them. ■

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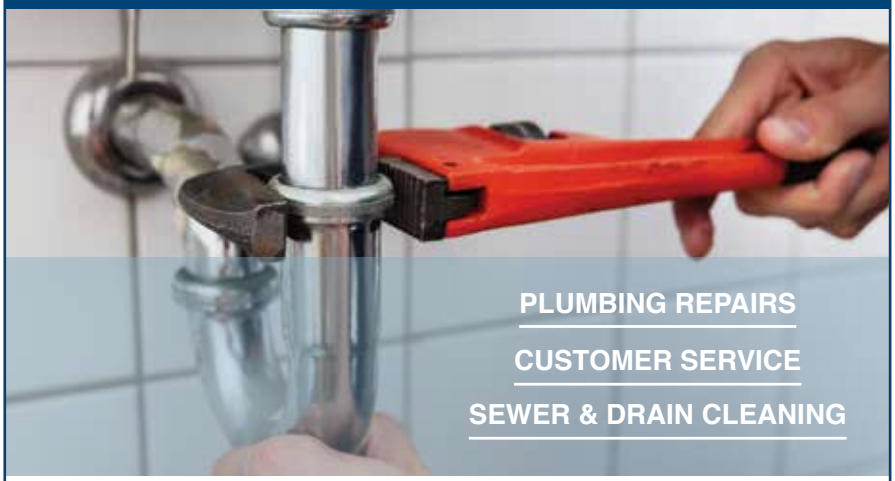


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# America Rededicated to God at 1607 First Landing Anniversary

**by Alex Newman**

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Commemorating the covenant invoked by Reverend Robert Hunt when the first English settlers landed in Virginia in late April, 1607, hundreds of God-fearing patriots from across America and beyond gathered in Virginia Beach on April 26 to rededicate the embattled nation to God and beg for His forgiveness. Hundreds of thousands tuned in from all over the United States and across the globe as the event was livestreamed worldwide in 72 languages. But the primary intended audience was made up of just One: the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob — the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth.

The historic day was filled with powerful speeches, songs, repentance, and prayers from Christian leaders who stirred those in attendance to their feet seemingly countless times. The day even included a proclamation issued by Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin recognizing First Landing Day, the organizers of the event, and the significance of the Christian faith in founding the American nation. Organizers with the "First Landing 1607 Project" vowed to do it again every year going forward.

Despite the growing chaos across the nation, a sense of optimism and the presence of God were described as pervasive by numerous attendees who spoke with *The New American*. With no central leadership aside from on High, organizers said from the stage that they felt it, too. A number of attendees even got baptized at the beach the next morning.

A few days after the event, a major tornado swept through the area, damaging and destroying more than 100 houses and canceling a major "music" festival called "Something in the Water" before heading out to sea at the very place where the first settlers landed more than four centuries ago. Nobody was hurt or killed. One of the main organizers, Donica Hudson, told *The New American* it made her think of the biblical account of Satan falling like lightning. "Let it be, Lord," she said. "Our 'Declaration of Covenant' and prayers must've reverberated through the heavens."

The next step, she added, is to fulfill the 1607 Covenant by reaching Americans and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "The event could not have been more perfect," said Hudson, who authored the "Declaration of Covenant" used in the "re-covenanting" that took place at the event and was

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**First Landing participants gather at the historic cross at the Cape Henry Memorial.**

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compared to "remarrying" God. "God's presence was there. He spoke through amazing people of faith and authority to accomplish our mission."

Radio titan Glenn Beck, the keynote speaker for the event, was clear in expressing his view that returning to God and the covenants formed with Him by America's forefathers was the only way to rescue the nation from the abyss. "We are a covenant people," Beck declared. "This is the only way we save America." Other speakers and organizers agreed: If Americans do not return to God and the covenants made by their ancestors, there will not and cannot be any restoration of the nation.

Incredibly, not even one in 100 Americans said they were familiar with the history of the First Landing, organizers noted, citing a survey. Of course, the Pilgrims and their landing at Plymouth in Massachusetts are much better known, as is the "Mayflower Compact" in which they declared that their goal was "the glory of God, and the advancement of the Christian faith." The Pilgrims were indeed crucial seeds that eventually grew into what became the United States of America, as experts Leo and Nancy Martin with The Jenney Museum at Plymouth explained.

But the settlement in Virginia was critical, too, as was the covenant those settlers invoked. Virginia Christian Alliance founder Don Blake, one of the organizers, suggested the government was deliberately trying to conceal this history from Americans. He noted that the history is not even written on or near the cross on Cape Henry. "It's not in our history books, it's not in our schools, we don't know it," he said. "You're part of the remnant!" In a follow-up interview with *TNA*, he urged everyone to learn the history and share it with their countrymen.

## The Historic Day

To start off the day on April 26, the official date of what is known as the "First Landing," a small delegation of participants, including numerous members of the clergy, went to the historic cross at the Cape Henry Memorial. At that site 416 years ago, the British settlers who would eventually create Jamestown erected a giant cross using a spare mast. While the original did not survive beyond the 1800s, a new cross was erected almost a century ago in its place. Those original settlers fasted, thanked God for His blessings and provision, and entered a covenant with Him dedicating the new land to Christ.

"We do hereby dedicate this Land, and ourselves, to reach the People within these shores with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to raise up Godly generations after us, and with these generations take the Kingdom of God to all the earth," declared Reverend Hunt in a foreshadowing of what was to come. "May this Covenant of Dedication remain to all generations, as long as this earth remains, and may this Land, along with England, be Evangelist to the World. May all who see this Cross, remember what we have done here, and may those who come here to inhabit join us in this Covenant and in this most noble work that the Holy Scriptures may be fulfilled."

That same prayer was read again by those assembled in 2023, both at the cross and later at the events not far from Cape Henry and the First Landing. Pastor Travis Witt, wearing his clergy garb, started his prayer by noting that the forefathers of the American nation were serious about God and their belief that this must be a godly land. "We believe, Father God, that this is a re-setting of the clock," Witt thundered. "This is our time to be warriors … our time to be Gideon's Army. You are the God of the impossible."

At the start of the formal event, Reverend Jack Stagman, a missionary pastor who came to America from South Africa and provided the "vision" for the day's festivities, dubbed the attendees "the remnant." He also described them as "Gideon's 300," a reference to the biblical account of the man God used along with 300 men, after whittling down the force from tens of thousands, to smash

Alex Newman speaking with Father James Altman at First Landing Day

an enemy army that had come against God's people.

"You've been called by God today, and you're going to see the multiplication, of what he's going to do with you guys," added Reverend Stagman, who gave God credit for the ideas. Stagman, who is now based in Virginia, noted that for 400 years, Americans took the Gospel message to every corner of the world. Today, people like him from the "developing world" are coming to America with the Gospel message, hoping that God will continue to use the United States.

Over and over again, speakers and pastors pointed to the history of the nation and declared that America is, in fact, a Christian nation. In one of the early speeches, Reverend Craig Johnson explained how America for centuries was absolutely saturated in biblical morality, from the halls of government and education to entertainment and beyond. And yet, today, "demonic entities" and their human collaborators have turned that on its head, he said.

Historian William Federer offered incredible historical knowledge and context about the enormous significance of what the colonists did in 1607 and what happened in America more broadly. Among other points, he noted that pursuing God's glory and spreading Christianity around the world was on the minds and hearts of everyone involved, including the king. Hugely significant but little known is how the Hebrew republics described in the Old Testament served as a model for Americans — and even the Constitution, as affirmed by Samuel Langdon of Harvard.

Also speaking was Father James Altman, the Catholic priest from Wisconsin whose bold stand against Covid tyranny imposed by governmental and ecclesiastical authorities reverberated around the world. Noting that many of the "feckless, false shepherds of the Catholic Church hate me," Altman said everyone needed to take up their cross and carry it. He has not been defrocked, but found himself under fire from his superiors in the Catholic Church's hierarchy for keeping his church open during the Covid lockdown.

Attendees at First Landing Day

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In his talk, Altman praised the first settlers in America, who he said understood the biblical admonition that unless God builds the house, they who build it do so in vain. That is why the first thing they did was plant a giant cross in this new land, believing that, through the sign of the cross, God would raise up another David to slay the Goliaths coming against Christians and righteousness. But he urged listeners to prepare themselves for trials in the meantime.

Speaking to *The New American* later, Altman blasted Christian leaders who went along with the government's Covid narrative — and especially the idea that church was not essential. Using somewhat harsh language, he also blasted Pope Francis and the Vatican for defrocking priests such as Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life while not taking serious action against child rapists. But he sounded optimistic through it all.

Next up was Reverend Bill Cook, founder of America's Black Robed Regiment, who called on pastors to prepare their congregations for the war that is already raging. Pointing to Reverend Jonas Clark and other ministers who laid the foundation for what the Founders eventually built in America through their biblical teaching, Cook said one historian recorded that Clark was more dangerous to the British than all the military officers. Today's ministers, by contrast, are preparing their congregation as sheep for the slaughter.

A war began on January 6, 2021, Cook said. "Your government has been usurped by imposters, your churches were shut down by tyrants asserting authority they do not have, your people have been murdered in hospitals … and they are still being murdered with Covid shots and boosters, and you say, 'well I can't tell you what to do because I'm a pastor and

not a doctor,'" he said, speaking to ministers. "God says, 'my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.' Aren't you supposed to be informed as a pastor?"

Former Congressman Michelle Bachmann (R-Minn.) explained the Gospel. "The essence of Rev. Hunt's prayer was to dedicate this land to God," she said after describing how the event had been recreated that morning at the cross. "In that prayer, they prayed that the entire land would come to know Jesus Christ. And the second portion of the prayer was that from this land, that the Gospel would go out. And this land has sent missionaries around the world." She noted that with the development of satellites, Christian broadcasting went from Virginia Beach to the world, just as those first settlers had prayed.

David Barton of Wallbuilders spoke about biblical covenants, offering historical and biblical context. To illustrate how far America had fallen, he explained that prior to no-fault divorce laws in the 1960s, legislatures actually had to pass a bill to enable a couple to divorce. "There are penalties for violating the contract," he said, noting that there were only seven examples of covenants in the Bible. Barton also explained that the Pilgrims relied on the Bible to develop the free-market system and a justice system that protects rights, laying the foundation for the future United States.

Alex Newman speaking with Reverend Bill Cook at First Landing Day

## Repentance

A common theme throughout the day was that Americans had turned their back on God. In fact, a whole portion of the event was devoted to begging God for His forgiveness. In the segment of the day's activities devoted to repentance, Reverend Cook repented on behalf of the church for refusing to perform the duties assigned to it by God. He vowed to "preach the whole counsel of God," to weigh in on matters of importance — including politics — and called on other pastors to partner with him in restoring God's proper place in America.

Also speaking was *TNA* show host and missionary Zoe Warren. "God, we deserve your judgment. We deserve to be destroyed. We deserve for our children to be taken captive. We deserve for our lands to be snatched from us," he declared. "Forgive us Lord, forgive us Lord, for we have sinned. We fall down before you now in repentance, we ask you to forgive us…. Do not let the heathen rule over us … raise up mighty warriors in America to rule and reign in righteousness like your son Jesus. We pray this in Jesus' name."

Ashley Shuell, a writer and mother, echoed a common theme of many of the speakers by repenting on behalf of Americans over the sin of abortion. "The only sacrifice is a broken and contrite spirit for our national sin of abortion. In the name of Jesus and by His blood, please forgive our nation for the terrible sin of abortion," she declared, crying, "Have mercy on our nation."

"We repent for the more than 64 million babies murdered by the legalization of abortion. We acknowledge and repent of the horrific sin of abortion," she said. "We repent of the babies who were brutally murdered after surviving an abortion. We repent of the silence and apathy of the church regarding abortion. Jesus, I plead your blood over my sins and the sins of my nation. God, end abortion and send revival to the United States of America. Deliver us from this evil, in Jesus' name."

Repenting for America's "education" system was Dr. Kathryn Camp with Living Into the Truth Ministries. "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. We repent for handing our children over to a faceless government education system," she said. "We sat back as government took prayer out of the schools…. We remained silent when the government banned any mention of Jesus while actively funding Muslim prayer rooms in some states. Evolution was taught as fact. All the while our children drifted further from the truth."

"We were too busy as parents to check the curriculum, and the school system knew that," continued Dr. Camp, who serves as a professor of apologetics and biblical studies. "We did not see that the literature was increasingly becoming perverse. We did not notice that the science textbooks were completely materialist or that the history books had completely

revised the story of our country.… Even in Christian schools the Bible was being taught as myth. We sat silent as Christianity was taught as just another religion."

The entire crowd prayed for the children of America. Little cards on tables included a prayer for the audience to recite asking God to protect the nation's youth from the evil sweeping across the land. God was also asked to protect the children from the ubiquitous sexualization bombarding the nation from the schools, the culture, the entertainment, and more. Those praying asked God to raise up parents who would teach their children properly.

Debbie Gates repented for human trafficking, sexual sin, abuse of women and children, and more. "Satan cannot have America, Satan cannot have our families, Satan cannot have our children," she said. After the series of speakers repenting, Hudson prayed and asked God to send angels to every corner of America and to the White House as the crowd prayed with her.

### Asking for God's Blessings and Calls to Action

Most of the speakers asked for divine intervention while vowing to fight. Nancy Schulze, founder of the Republican Congressional Wives Prayer Breakfast, offered an emotional speech on the subject. "My heart is broken with what has happened to our country, and I will spend the rest of my days trying to fix this," she said. "When those first settlers prayed that prayer, they set a standard."

Schulze highlighted some of the many ways in which God has used America to bless the world, noting that even today, with around six percent of the land and less than five percent of the world population, America produces a quarter of all the goods and services in the world. Still today, despite the negative turn, "Americans are by far the most giving people on earth, giving more than all other nations combined," she said.

And yet, it is all at risk. "We are this close to losing a war we didn't even know we were in," she said, calling it a war of ideas. "It was the people of God who built this country, and it will be the people of God who rebuild it.… We need to stop letting government and this culture drive us. It is time to go on offense.… We may be hard pressed on every side but we have a great God who with the snap of His finger can turn this around if we do our part."

After the recovenanting ceremony in which the whole crowd read the "Declaration of Covenant" and pledged allegiance to the "Appeal to Heaven" flag from the Founding era, Dr. John Diamond explained the significance. First, he explained how America's Founders did, in fact, appeal to heaven. And today, it is time to do that again, Diamond said, even urging civil disobedience in cases where human law conflicts with God's law. Before leaving the stage he read an imprecatory prayer from Psalms in which David asked God to come against His enemies.

After dinner, some of the organizers discussed next steps, including the Gideon plan to raise up a godly army of believers to take on the wickedness that is running wild across America. Reverend Stagman offered some ideas, and said Christians in South Africa were working on plans to restore Christianity to its rightful place, as well. The parallels between America and South Africa were also a topic of discussion.

"Going forward, besides being an annual event from now on, we will call for a public recognition of First Landing as a public holiday, and secondly, that the First Landing lost history be taught in public schools," Stagman told *The New American* after the event, adding that he and others would be working to get America back on track in the days ahead. "America is at the crossroads in history and it's now all hands on deck. Join us in Taking America Back."

In a talk before Glenn Beck's keynote address, this writer explained that the reason America was no longer producing "godly generations after us," as the settlers pledged to God they would do, was

Alex Newman speaking with Dr. John Diamond at First Landing Day

*TNA* show host Zoe Warren with popular conservative pundit Glenn Beck at First Landing Day

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that they had trusted a godless, anti-Christ government with the education and discipling of their children. There will be no restoration of America as long as Christians continue allowing their progeny to be indoctrinated against God and His Word, along with their families and their country.

Radio host Beck, in his keynote address, explained that this was not "right versus left" or Republicans versus Democrats, but rather "elites" versus the people. "We all know what the problems are. It wouldn't take us very long to fix them," he said. "Everything is being changed. Satan thinks he's going to win. He is in for a real surprise.… God only has to say to Satan, 'you're dismissed.' Because we're not God, we have to say, 'in the name of Jesus Christ, get out.'"

All over the world, people are seeking answers. America, he said, is the last stand, as it is the only place left in the world "that has enough God in us, that has a remnant that remembers." Beck called on everyone to be attuned to the Holy Spirit as the battle rages.

Pointing to this writer's talk, Beck urged parents to stop sending their children to public schools and to instead provide them with a godly education. He also expressed shock about the widespread idolization of smart phones, saying many people were now literally worshipping their devices with their heads bowed. And as an illustration of the evil that is overtaking the nation, he noted that Minnesota Democrats were removing language from state laws stating that pedophiles are not a protected class.

It is essential for Americans to fix these issues. "This country is the greatest tool for good or evil in the history of the world," he explained. "I said in 2008, if we don't reconnect with what is good, we are going to make the Nazis look like rookies. We are fighting madness and evil." However, God will use the foolish to confound the wise, he explained. "We're watching it in real time," he said. "Evil does not understand. Evil is arrogant."

On a personal note, Beck spoke about his experience with alcoholism and arrogance, saying that by the time he was 30, he had lost everything. But that horrific experience caused him to turn to God and beg, in desperation. "I was so desperate that I challenged God just as my head was about to go under the water," Beck explained, getting emotional while urging attendees and listeners never to challenge God themselves. And yet, God was faithful, and got him back on the right path, he said.

As the evening wound down, organizers Robert and Aimee Agee discussed next steps, including their upcoming Remnant Revolution Tour across America. "We're going to take this message of what we did here today, and we're going to take it to the whole United States," Robert said, asking attendees and viewers on the livestream to participate. "Everybody needs to know what happened today. This is an historic moment. And I believe it's going to send ripples throughout our nation and the Earth."

Billy Ford, president of Restoring the Republic, spoke about the critical role of Texas in restoring the American Republic. And Lieutenant Colonel Pete Chambers, a Green Beret who retired last year, wrapped up the night with words of encouragement and praise for God. Speaking of the "Fifth Generation Warfare" being waged against America, he said the spiritual battle outlined in Ephesians 6 was far more significant.

As he was winding down his own speech, Beck said that for years, God had been telling him to sound the alarm and warn Americans. But in recent times, he said, he has felt God urging him to provide hope to Americans instead. Despite the seemingly overwhelming power of the enemies of faith, family, and freedom, there was a ubiquitous sense among attendees that God was doing something major, and that the tide may be turning as more and more Americans turn to God amid the carnage.

The main takeaway: Be faithful to God, do what you are called to do, and trust Him with the results. ■

## Runaway Stroller

When a gust of wind pushed a baby stroller toward a busy street in Hesperia, California, on May 1, a good Samaritan named Ron Nessman sprang into action and saved the child.

The child's great aunt was preparing to place the baby in a car seat in her vehicle when the gusty desert winds blew the stroller toward Bear Valley Road, where cars sped by at 40 miles per hour. The aunt attempted to chase after the stroller, but fell to the ground and struggled to get back on her feet as she helplessly watched the stroller approach the traffic.

Fortunately, Nessman was nearby, standing outside of a car wash after having just finished a job interview, when he witnessed the incident.

"Didn't even have time to think about it, you just react," Nessman said.

Video footage of the scene shows the stroller rolling toward Bear Valley Road when Nessman appears suddenly from the right and dashes toward the stroller in time to stop it before it reached the road.

"And I said, I got it! You know what I mean? I seen her and I felt so bad for the lady you know," Nessman recalled to KHOU 11. "I couldn't imagine. I got nephews and nieces and I couldn't imagine something like that."

Nessman said he hopes the ordeal serves as a reminder to parents to always lock the wheels on a stroller.

## Time to Rest

High-school seniors in Callisburg, Texas, raised enough money to help their school's 80-year-old janitor retire, CBS affiliate KXII reported.

When Greyson Thurman, Marti Yousko, and Banner Tidwell learned their elderly janitor was forced to come out of retirement when his rent went up, they decided to launch a GoFundMe campaign on February 15 that raised $260,000. Incredibly, most of the 8,000 donations came from Callisburg students and staff, according to the students.

All it took was a video of Mr. James cleaning a hallway to pull at the heartstrings of the donors. It was posted on TikTok with text that included a link to the fundraising page.

"This is our 80 y/o janitor who had his rent raised and had to come back to work. Let's help Mr. James out," the post read. "No one his age should have to be cleaning our messes up to continue to live."

Callisburg High School Principal Jason Hooper was so proud of the students for seeing a need and taking action to address it.

According to CBS News, Mr. James' story has become all too common thanks to rising inflation, which has forced approximately 1.5 million retirees back into the workforce.

Mr. James, who wished to stay out of the spotlight, now has enough to return to retirement, according to Hooper.

## "Gifted Program"

Since 2021, barber Vernon Jackson has been using his day off to open his Cincinnati barber shop exclusively for children with special needs for free.

"I was hearing so many horror stories that parents were going through with other barber shops and just the barbers or stylists having no patience with their child," Jackson told CBS News. "So I figured I would compromise by coming in on my day off so … there would be no other barbers or stylists in the shop and I could give them the full attention that they need."

For children with special needs, getting a hair cut can be a fairly traumatic experience because many struggle with new environments, noise, and touch. Having the children come in when the shop is empty has helped them to get comfortable, because it is quieter and Jackson can patiently take the time to work with them.

Jackson has been able to provide this service for free for so long in part thanks to the generosity of others. When he first started promoting his free haircuts for children with special needs, a friend of his had offered to sponsor a haircut. More people reached out to do the same, prompting Jackson to start a GoFundMe to raise money for the haircuts. Because of these generous gifts, Jackson refers to the free haircuts as the "Gifted Program."

"These are parents that would pay any amount of money just for their child to be able to have an experience like any other person. And at the end of it, I can tell them 'It's covered,'" he said.

Parents are even traveling to him from cities all around Ohio, and Jackson is hopeful to extend the service nationally by putting some of the money raised for the Gifted Program toward travel expenses.

## Lost Bear

A four-year-old girl in Tazewell, Tennessee, lost a precious bear that contained a recording of her mother's last heartbeat before she died. The loss prompted a statewide search and a very kind deed from Build-A-Bear, the company through which the girl and her family originally created the precious toy.

Radio station 106.3 WRIL in Tazewell posted on its Facebook page in April that a Build-A-Bear tie-dyed teddy bear had been accidentally donated to the Goodwill in Tazewell. The manager at the Goodwill location, upon learning of the terrible mistake, posted a sign at the store asking whoever purchased the bear to kindly return it so it could be returned to the little girl. Goodwill Knoxville, which oversees the Tazewell store, also posted on its Facebook page in the hopes of reuniting the girl with her bear.

But when it became clear that it was unlikely the lost bear would be found, Build-A-Bear reached out to the family and learned that they still had a recording of the heartbeat. The company found a matching "Rainbow Sparkle Bear" and put the recording into the new bear to create a matching toy.

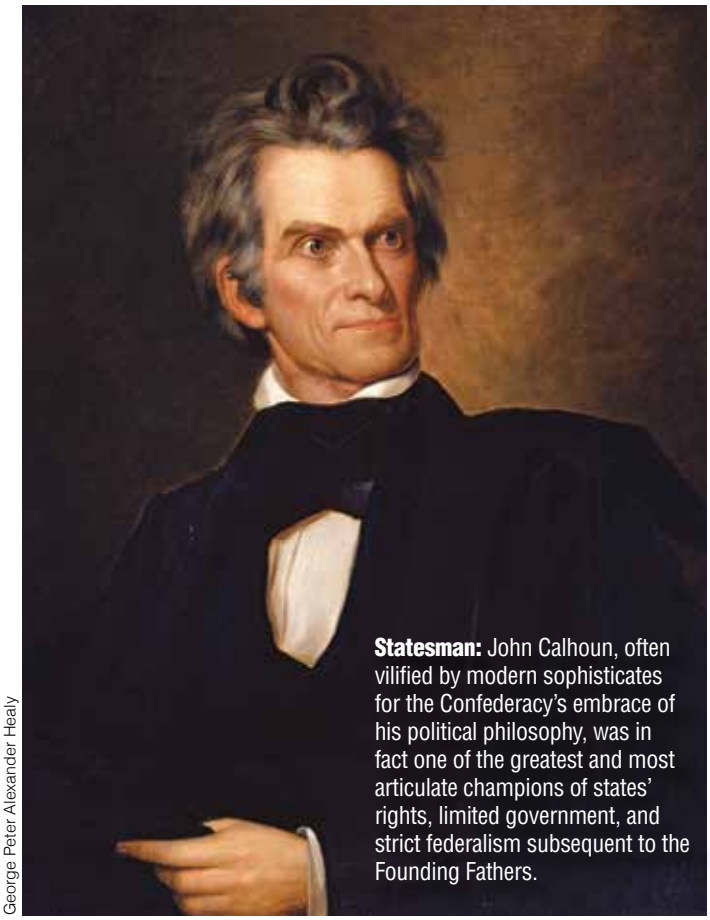
"Build-A-Bear would like to thank WRIL and Goodwill for their helpful role and while we remain hopeful that the original bear is located, it is our sincere wish that this new teddy bear will provide a bit of comfort for the child and the family at this time," the company said.

Goodwill Knoxville said in a May 2 Facebook post that the new bear has been united with the family. ■

*— Raven Clabough*

# Can John C. Calhoun Save America?

A two-time vice president and one of America's greatest senators, John C. Calhoun was also one of the most eloquent proponents of limited government and states' rights.



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**Statesman:** John Calhoun, often vilified by modern sophisticates for the Confederacy's embrace of his political philosophy, was in fact one of the greatest and most articulate champions of states' rights, limited government, and strict federalism subsequent to the Founding Fathers.

***by Thomas DiLorenzo***

In an essay titled "A Strategy for the Right," the late economist and libertarian scholar Professor Murray N. Rothbard called John C. Calhoun's *Disquisition on Government* "one of the most brilliant essays on political philosophy ever written."

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Published in 1850, the year of his death, Calhoun's *Disquisition* warned — and explained — how the American political system could devolve into tyranny, and how to stop that from happening. Americans are now living under the tyranny that Calhoun feared, proving once again the prescience and brilliance of his *Disquisition*.

Calhoun's 173-year-old treatise is not just a diagnosis of how we got here, but a roadmap for *escaping* from this tyranny and being rid of the "woke" totalitarian Marxists among us who are so hell-bent on destroying America.

## Who Was John C. Calhoun?

John C. Calhoun was born into a family of Scots-Irish immigrants in the South Carolina upcountry in 1782. He had two uncles who were killed by British soldiers during the Revolution, and his father, Patrick, was a frontier scout. His early education included intimate knowledge of the American Revolution from his family history as well as his studies. He was mostly homeschooled, which prepared him to enter Yale University, where he was the 1804 class valedictorian. His mentor was Yale university president Timothy Dwight, a renowned expert on Lockean political philosophy.

Calhoun was a Jeffersonian philosophically. Professor Clyde Wilson, the editor of *The Collected Works of John C. Calhoun*, has written that Calhoun viewed all American issues through the lens of the great philosophical divide between Jefferson, the decentralist/states' rights/strict constitutional construction advocate, and his political nemesis Alexander Hamilton, who championed centralized, monopolistic, and "energetic" government, including a "permanent president" elected for life. Hamilton denounced the Constitution after its ratification, calling it a "frail and worthless fabric" because of its limitations on state power. It was Hamilton who invented the "implied powers" (aka, not listed in the document) theory of constitutional interpretation; the perversion of the Contract and Commerce Clauses of the Constitution; and other subterfuges designed to turn the document into a de facto rubber stamp on *anything* the government wanted to do — as long as it was "properly" interpreted by people such as himself. That is why Jefferson and his political heirs, such as Calhoun, considered the brilliant and Machiavellian Hamilton to be a dangerous threat to American freedom.

Calhoun was the last of the Founding Fathers, philosophically

speaking, and considered his *Disquisition on Government* to be a statement of his "understanding of society and government" and his "bequest to posterity," writes Clyde Wilson.

Calhoun was a member of "the great triumvirate" in American politics of the early 19th century, along with Daniel Webster and Henry Clay. In that capacity he served as a member of Congress from South Carolina, secretary of war under President James Monroe, U.S. senator from South Carolina, secretary of state under Presidents John Tyler and James Polk, and vice president of the United States during the administrations of John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson. It is these life experiences, along with his deep knowledge of the literature of liberty of the time — especially the Lockean tradition that fueled the Revolution — that he relied on in writing the *Disquisition*.

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### Calhoun on Government and Society

Calhoun was a brilliant expositor of the natural-rights philosophy that rights to life, liberty, and property are God-given; that the primary purpose of government is to secure these rights from domestic and foreign enemies of freedom; and the realization that there is always a danger that governments can be perverted in a way that they destroy rather than protect these God-given rights. In this, his writings are very much in sync with a French contemporary of his, Frédéric Bastiat, who articulated his views of the natural-rights philosophy in his famous book *The Law,* published in 1850, the same year as the *Disquisition.* It is also the same year that both of these great men died.

To Calhoun, "society" is ordained by God for our benefit; government is created by men and its only legitimate purpose is to secure our natural rights to life, liberty, and property. That is the purpose of constitutions, he said. However, the powers invested in governments to prevent injustice and oppression, he wrote in the *Disquisition*, "will, if left unguarded, be by them converted into instruments to *oppress* the rest of the community." (Emphasis added.) Government, after all, "has itself a strong tendency to disorder and abuse of its powers." (As Yours Truly has written on numerous occasions, the purpose of government today is for those who run it to plunder those who do not.) This is reminiscent of Jefferson's dictum that "a government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have."

By "society," Calhoun meant the myriad local communities established by Americans without direction by any government. As Clyde Wilson writes in *Calhoun: A Statesman for the 21st Century*, the original colonists were not wards or employees of government but "people who conquered a wilderness with their own labor and capital and at the risk of their own life and limb." Thus, the American Revolution was not a revolution in society, writes Wilson, but "the action of the existing societies of the 13 colonies to preserve themselves against the interference of a distant government ... the preservation of living societies from the schemes of rulers."

This is the true meaning of "consent of the governed." "Consent" was given to ratify the Constitution by the separate political communities of the sovereign states, and they reserved the right to withdraw that consent should the government that *they created as their agent* interfere with their "happiness," as the ratification documents of New York, Virginia, and Rhode Island specifically declared. The Constitution was *not* ratified by a majority vote of the general population, but by separate political communities organized at the state level by the "free and indepen-

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**People's parchment:** Even in Calhoun's day, the U.S. Constitution was already being expansively interpreted to consolidate power in the federal government at the expense of the states, and to downplay the states' authority to nullify or otherwise resist unconstitutional federal encroachments.

The Constitution was meant to be society's vehicle for controlling the state, not the state's vehicle for controlling society — as it is today, where the limits of everyone's freedoms are periodically decreed by five black-robed government lawyers with lifetime tenure.

dent" states, as they are called in the Declaration of Independence, at state political conventions. This was required by Article VII of the Constitution itself.

To the Jeffersonians, "consent" did not mean a mere majority of any popular vote, especially since elections and vote-counting could always be rigged — as they fully understood, being keen students of political history. A "leading error," Calhoun wrote, is to "confound the numerical majority with the people" and their consent. This will eventually destroy constitutional government, said Calhoun, for it implies that all that is needed for perfect government is "the right of suffrage — and the allotment to each division of the community a representation in the government, in proportion to numbers." In reality, majority rule is nothing more than one part of society coercing and plundering another part (the minority), the very "violence of faction" that James Madison warned of in *The Federalist*, No. 10, writing that, historically, it had destroyed popular governments everywhere by creating a pervasive sense of injustice. The whole purpose of the Constitution, said Madison, was to limit this "violence of faction" by electoral majorities.

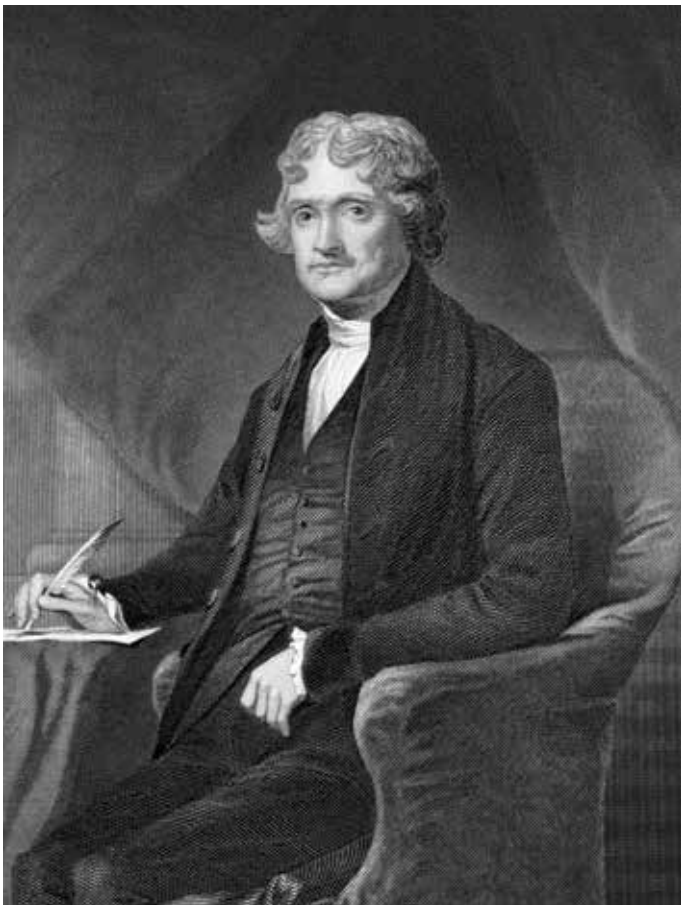
Calhoun was battling the top Hamiltonian "nationalist" statists of his day, such as Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story and U.S. Senator Daniel Webster. In his famous 1833 *Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States*, Story wrote that "the majority must have a right to accomplish that object by the means, which they deem adequate for the end.... The will of the majority of the people is absolute and sovereign, limited only by its means and *power to make its will effectual*." (Emphasis added.) This "power," of course, is the coercive power of a heavily-armed government. "Trust in the efficacy of frequent elections," said Massachusetts Senator Daniel Webster in his 1830 Senate debate over protectionist tariffs and nullification with Senator Robert Hayne of South Carolina. History has proven that to be one of the most farcical statements ever made by an American politician.

What all of this means is that the Constitution was meant to be society's vehicle for controlling the state, not the state's vehicle for controlling society — as it is today, where the limits of everyone's freedoms are periodically decreed by five black-robed government lawyers with lifetime tenure.

The bigger error, Calhoun wrote, is "the prevalent opinion that a written constitution ... is sufficient, of itself, without the aid of any organism — except such as is necessary to separate its separate departments, and render them independent of each other — to counteract the tendency of the numerical majority to oppression and the abuse of power." The separation of powers would never be sufficient to enforce the Constitution, in other words, contrary to Madison's theory on the subject. History has proven Calhoun to be right and Madison wrong on that point.

The party in power — whichever party — will be opposed to the constitutional restrictions intended to limit it. "As the major and dominant party, they will have no need of these restrictions.... The ballot-box ... would be ample protection to them." (Especially if the party in power administered the elections!) "They would ... regard these limitations as unnecessary and improper restraints; and endeavor to elude them, with the view of increasing their power and influence."

The "minor, or weaker party," on the other hand, will make its strict construction arguments for actually enforcing the Constitution, but "the party in favor of the restrictions" will inevitably "be overpowered," wrote



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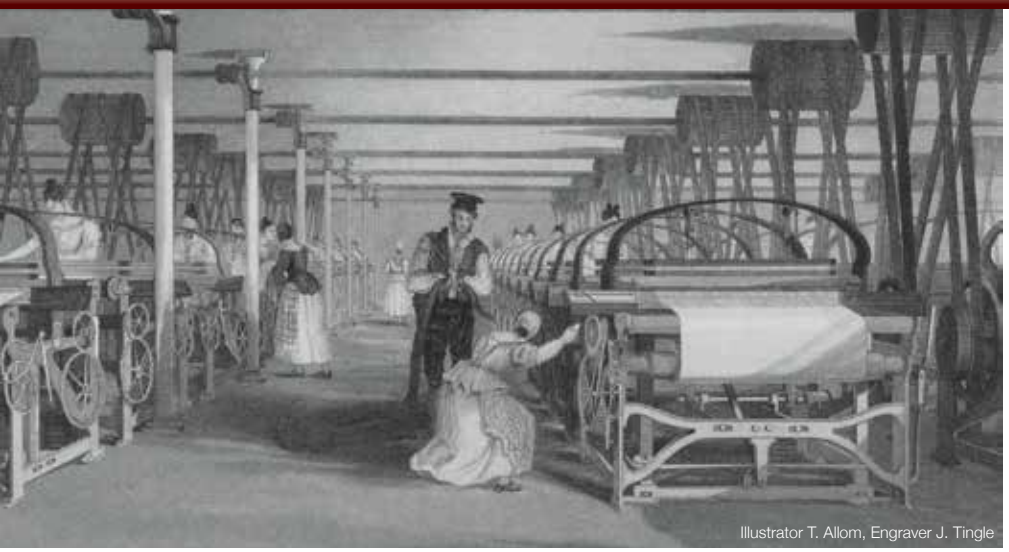
**Jeffersonian ideals:** Calhoun, like many Southerners, was a champion of Jefferson's vision of a decentralized, agrarian republic, in opposition to the industrialized, centralized, urban model favored by Hamilton and his epigones.




**Manufacturing consent:** In Calhoun's day, most factories and industry, like these industrial looms from the 1830s, were in the North. As a result, Northern states were only too happy with a discriminatory tariff system that rewarded Northern manufacturers at the expense of Southern agriculturalists.

Calhoun. It is folly, he said, to believe that "the party in power" and "in possession of the ballot box" and "the physical force of the country" could "be successfully resisted by an appeal to reason, truth, justice, or the obligations imposed by the constitution."

The "end of the contest" would then be "the subversion of the constitution."

This will occur, said Calhoun, because of a kind of class struggle in society, but not the Marxist class struggle between the capitalist and working "classes." Instead, in a democracy, "Some one portion of the community must pay in taxes more than it receives back in disbursements; while another receives in disbursements more than it pays in taxes." Society will be divided into two classes: net tax *payers* versus net tax *consumers*. "The necessary result ... is to divide the community into two great classes; one consisting of those who ... pay the taxes, and, of course, bear exclusively the burthen of supporting the government; and the other, of those who are the recipients of their proceeds."

The right of suffrage *causes* this condition, and can in no way counteract it. It does not perfect government, but turns it into an authoritarian tyranny of "absolute government," as Calhoun called it.

Echoing Calhoun, economist Hans-Hermann Hoppe described democracy as "a soft variant of communism" in his book *Democracy: The God That Failed*. After all, if one single "social plan" is imposed by force on all of society by government (i.e., communism), it makes no difference whether that is done by a dictator or by a legislature. Socialism is socialism.

In order to generate genuine consent, and not the phony "consent" of electioneering, each portion of the society must be given "a negative on the others," said Calhoun. This "negative power" may be called "veto, interposition, nullification, check or balance of power," and this is what makes a constitution a useful tool for societal control of its own government. It is what makes the people the masters rather than the servants of the state. He called this idea the "concurrent majority."

Calhoun was always a unionist, and viewed nullification of laws thought to be unconstitutional as an alternative to secession. In this he was following in the footsteps of Jefferson and Madison, authors of the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions of 1798, respectively, which nullified the abolition of free speech invoked by the Adams administration's Sedition Act by declaring that it would not be enforced within their borders. (The Adams administration used its "Sedition Act" to imprison journalists sympathetic to Jefferson's Democratic-Republican Party, and even imprisoned an opposition member of Congress, Representative Matthew Lyon of Vermont, a member of Jefferson's party, for criticizing Adams in the House of Representatives. The Sedition Act declared "malicious" talk about the government to be illegal, with the government itself determining what is "malicious.")

Jefferson's Kentucky Resolution, for example, stated: "Resolved, that the several states composing the United States of America, are not united on the principles of unlimited submission to their General Government," and "Whensoever the General Government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force." Madison's Virginia Resolution said virtually the same thing. New England, Ohio, Wisconsin, Delaware, and South Carolina would invoke Jeffersonian nullification on a variety of issues, from banking to immigration policy to trade policy, that they believed were unconstitutional during the antebellum era.

Calhoun also believed nullification would encourage the enforcement of constitutional limits on government by letting the powers that be know that unconstitutional legislation designed by one faction of the country only to plunder another faction could be ignored or nullified, rendering their plundering efforts useless. Compromise rather than plunder would then be encouraged, he argued. Moreover, with protections of a concurrent majority in place, the franchise could be *expanded*, wrote Calhoun.

Under simple majority rule, on the other hand, an expansion of the franchise would guarantee an expansion of political plunder by more and more enfranchised factions. The protections of a concurrent majority would encourage "patriotism, nationality, harmony, and ... promoting the common good" instead of "faction, strife, and struggle for party ascendancy," he wrote. As an added benefit, Calhoun argued, the type of people attracted to government would be less sleazy and corrupt, and more patriotic and public-spirited.

## Calhoun's Economic Policies

In the 1820s, the South was largely an agricultural society that sold as much as three-fourths of its agricultural products overseas. Most manufacturing, such as

it was, was in the Northern states, and they had been pursuing the Hamiltonian policy of high tariffs and a protectionist trade policy to shield themselves from competition and raise prices. They also championed what we today call "corporate welfare" or "crony capitalism." Their first political success was a tariff increase in 1824 that garnered only three of 107 "yes" votes in the House of Representatives from Southern states and two of 25 "yes" votes in the U.S. Senate.

The South was in agreement with modest "revenue tariffs" of 10-15 percent that would fund the constitutional functions of government, but believed that they were being plundered by high, protectionist tariffs. Protectionist tariffs forced them to pay significantly more for farm tools, clothing, shoes, and much more, with little benefit from the tariff revenue. Almost all of the benefit went to Northern manufacturers who, being isolated from international competition, raised their prices and profit levels. To make it worse for the South, protectionist tariffs impoverished their European trading partners, whose profits from American markets dried up. This made them less able to buy American exports — primarily cotton, rice, and tobacco grown in the South. This is why Bastiat labeled protectionist tariffs "legal plunder."

Emboldened by their success with the 1824 tariff and their new-found dominance in Congress, the Northern states then passed the hated "Tariff of Abominations" in 1828 that raised the average tariff rate to nearly 50 percent. Some items, such as imported woolen blankets, had a 200-percent tariff attached. The price of woolen blankets and dozens of other items skyrocketed.

Led by Calhoun, South Carolina invoked the principle of Jeffersonian nullification. An ordinance of nullification was enacted at a political convention that declared the tariff act to be "unauthorized by the Constitution of the United States, and violated the true meaning and intent thereof." It was therefore "null, void, no law." All tariff enforcement in Charleston Harbor was suspended.

President Andrew Jackson threatened to enforce the tariff, but in the end a compromise was reached in 1833 — *and secession avoided* — with a lowering of tariffs over the next 10 years. Nullification had worked just the way Calhoun explained it should work as an alternative to secession that could keep the union together by encouraging regional compromise. By 1860, the average tariff rate was the lowest ever during the 19th century — 15 percent. (But it was raised to the 60-percent range by Lincoln and the Republican party, where it remained for the next half century.)

Calhoun made many speeches on the subject of free trade, with the clear intent of educating the public. In an 1842 speech, he hit the nail on the head regarding the true purpose of protectionism by asking, "Protection against what? Against violence, oppression, or fraud?... No.... It is against low prices." He also pointed out that the tendency of protectionist tariffs is "to make the poor poorer and the rich richer."

Do the protectionists "ask that a tax should be laid on the rest of the community, and the proceeds divided among them?" he asked. "No: that would be rather too open, oppressive, and indefensible." Squelching competition with protectionist tariffs achieves the same result, but in a much more obfuscating way that makes it easy to pull the wool over the public's eyes. It should rightly be called "monopoly" or "plunder," he suggested.

In that same 1842 speech, Calhoun announced his economic ideas to be "Free Trade: Low Duties: No Debt: Separation from Banks: Economy: Retrenchment: and Strict Adherence to the Constitution." Competition, no deficit spending in peacetime; no collusion between bankers and Big Government; cutting government spending; and spending only on the items listed as the legitimate constitutional functions of the federal government, in other words.

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**True believer:** Unlike Calhoun, who opposed imperialism, including moral crusades to spread "democracy" abroad, John Adams regarded America as indispensable to the cause of liberating captive nations all over the world.

Free trade was literally "the cause of civilization and peace," he said. By "cause of civilization," he meant the benefits of the international division of labor, not today's corrupt, socialistic "trade deals" with their thousands of pages of regulations written by corporate lobbyists and their political puppets. That is not free trade, but the opposite: socialist central planning. The latter point about peace was perhaps best expressed by Frédéric Bastiat when he said, "If goods can't cross borders, armies will." People who prosper together through trade and commerce, who become business associates and even friends, are less inclined to wage war on each other.

The Deep State of his day hated and despised Calhoun for these views, and to this day he is demonized and marginalized because of such ideas (as is Jefferson for that matter, especially

by the "court historians" of the academic history profession).

### Calhoun's Foreign Policy

A one-time secretary of war, Calhoun believed that the purpose of national defense is to defend America and Americans from foreign adversaries, not forcing our version of "salvation" on other countries. He was an anti-imperialist, another reason why the Deep State of his time despised him. Diametrically opposed to Calhoun was John Adams, who wrote in his diary that he considered America to be "the opening of a grand scheme and design in Providence for the illumination of the ignorant, and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind *all over the earth*." (Emphasis added.) Adams can be thought of as the original "neocon." Fast-forward several hundred years, and one hears his voice in President George W. Bush promising that his "war on terror" will eliminate evil from the world.

In a speech regarding the Mexican-American War (1846-1848), Calhoun disputed the idea "lately urged in a very respectable quarter" that "it is the mission of our country to spread civil and religious liberty all over the globe ... even by force, if necessary. It is a sad delusion." At the end of the Mexican-American War, there were those in Congress who wanted to essentially conquer and occupy Mexico. To this Calhoun said, "I am at a loss to see how a free and independent republic can be established in Mexico under the protection and authority of its conquerors. I can readily understand how an aristocracy or a despotic government might be, but how a free republican government can be so established under such circumstances, is to me incomprehensible." He could very well have been discussing the U.S. government's 21st-century military adventures in Iraq and Afghanistan under the guise of "nation-building."

Calhoun believed that the Mexican war was a Caesar-crossing-the-Rubicon moment. It was a "deed ... from which the country would not be able to recover for a long time if ever." He wrote to his daughter Anna, "Our people have undergone a great change. Their inclination is for conquest and empire." That, he believed, was a mortal threat to American prosperity and freedom.

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**Imperial conquest:** Calhoun staunchly opposed both the Mexican-American War and any attempt to annex Mexico in the war's aftermath. He pointed out that it was impossible to impose a republican form of government on a conquered people.

### Calhoun's Roadmap for a New America?

America is already experiencing a soft secession movement, with conservative citizens leading the charge in moving away from the socialist disasters of New York, California, Illinois, and almost all of the big cities run by the hard-left Democratic Party political machines. They are moving to more conservative, or even libertarian, parts of the country such as Florida, Texas, South Carolina, Montana, Idaho, and elsewhere. (Of course, each of these states also has its islands of "woke" socialism, usually around the state capitals, university towns, and inner cities with large welfare populations.)

Peaceful American disunion is inevitable in the opinion of your author. It may not happen tomorrow or next week, but it will happen. We are at the end of the road of a country of some 330 million people ruled, essentially, by a few hundred (or perhaps a few dozen) political oligarchs who control one or the other of the two major political parties. The day will come when there will be a new America and new Americans. The old America will remain in the socialist hellholes of New York City, Chicago, Baltimore, San Francisco, etc., while the segment of the population that still values freedom and prosperity over tax slavery and imperialism will go elsewhere. They will take to heart the advice of the author of the Declaration of Independence that, when government becomes destructive of the consent of the governed, it is the people's right to alter or abolish it and institute a new government more conducive to their safety and happiness.

The ideas of John C. Calhoun, the inheritor of the Jeffersonian political tradition in America, provide a roadmap for these freedom-seeking Americans of the future. As for the role of government in the new American societies of the future, Calhoun would counsel peace and "a wise and masterful inactivity" that would give all Americans the greatest chance to enjoy prosperity and to live as free human beings.

Thomas Jefferson himself would most assuredly approve of a coming American disunion. In an August 12, 1803 letter to John C. Breckenridge regarding the New England secession movement (which culminated in the 1814 Hartford Secession Convention), Jefferson wrote that, should there be a "separation" into two confederacies, "God bless them both, & keep them in the union if it be for their good, but separate them, if it be better." ■

## Robber Tunnels Into Store and Gets Shot

The *New York Post* reported on April 26 about a criminal who literally tunneled into a store he intended to rob. The incident occurred at a smoke shop in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the owner was sleeping inside the store overnight because his store had been broken into in the past and he was hoping to catch any potential criminals in the act. The owner's plan worked, as he was awakened early in the morning by strange scratching sounds coming from a wall. The scratching sound got louder, and the owner witnessed a burglar tunneling his way into the store. Apparently he dug a giant hole through the drywall and insulation using a large hammer and a chisel.

The store owner confronted the burglar and yelled for him to halt, but the intruder advanced, waving his tools in a menacing manner. The store owner was in fear for his life, so he pulled out a loaded handgun and shot the suspect, who then collapsed on the floor. The store owner quickly called 911 to report what occurred, and the Albuquerque Police Department soon arrived on the scene and found the deceased suspect.

The investigation is ongoing, but police are reportedly treating it as a justifiable homicide. The store owner doesn't plan to stop fighting back against would-be burglars, and told local news that he intends to immediately patch up the hole in his wall and to install cameras outside the store.

## Lying in a Pool of Blood

Fox News reported on May 22 about a botched home invasion in Beaumont, Texas. The crime occurred right around midnight when, police say, 43-year-old Jason Omar Cruz allegedly broke in to a dwelling with the intent to steal property.

Police were called to the scene of a robbery in progress, and discovered the wounded Cruz lying in a pool of blood in the bathroom. Responding officers applied a tourniquet to stanch the bleeding, which police later claimed was instrumental in saving the suspect's life. Cruz was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he is currently being treated and is expected to survive. The Beaumont Police Department posted to its Facebook page that the suspect "is still in the hospital recovering from his injuries but once he is released, he will be relocated to the Jefferson County Jail. The bond has been set at $100,000."

Neighbors were shocked by the news of the shooting because such violent crimes are unheard of in that community. "We have such friendly, nice people in this area, and so this must have been an intrusion as they say … because we are just so settled and quiet here," neighbor Doug Taylor told 12 News Now.

## Dollar General Clerk Cleared by Grand Jury

WTOC.com reported on May 19 out of Monroe, Louisiana, about a wild story showing that even if you do the right thing, you still might be prosecuted for it. Rafus Anderson was working as a store clerk for Dollar General this past January when an armed robber tried holding up the store. The robber was in the process of stealing cash from the store when Anderson pulled out his own gun and shot at the suspect. Anderson ended up hitting both the suspect and another person in the store. The other person who was shot sustained only minor injuries, and was later treated and released from a nearby hospital. The other suspect was mortally wounded, and was discovered lying just outside the store by responding officers. The suspect was taken for treatment, but later died from his injuries.

Anderson had panicked and fled the scene before police arrived, but later turned himself in. The police ended up charging him with manslaughter for the death of the armed burglary suspect, though it is not clear from the reporting of the story why they did this, considering that the burglary suspect was armed, which supports the contention that Anderson was acting in fear for his life. Anderson told police that the Dollar General was frequently burglarized, and that this incident was the sixth time since the prior August that the store was targeted for an armed robbery.

A grand jury rejected the charges of manslaughter against Anderson. It is good news that Anderson is not facing a trial at this time, but the fact that police even charged him at all is an alarming sign. It sometimes seems that the police and the courts are more interested in protecting criminals than law-abiding citizens who defend themselves.

## Armed Robber Shot in the Chest

ClickonDetroit.com reported on March 16 about an incident in which a concealed-carry holder defended his friend from an armed robber.

The incident unfolded outside a deli in Detroit, when a suspect followed two men and demanded their money at gunpoint. One of the robbery victims, who was legally carrying concealed, actually complied with the robber's demands and gave him his wallet. The robber was not content with that, and warned the man that he would murder the man's friend if he didn't do what they wanted, and began to pat down the victim. The man, knowing that his concealed gun would be discovered and in fear for both his life and the life of his friend, pulled out his handgun and shot the robbery suspect in the chest. The suspect ran from the scene but collapsed nearby and died in the street.

The city of Detroit has a technology called "Shot-Spotter" that alerts police to the sound of gunshots, so they don't even need people to call 911. This alerted police to the shooting, and officers went to the scene, where they encountered the robbery victims. The men complied with the police and assisted them in their investigation. Police found the body of the deceased suspect and the loaded handgun he used in the robbery, as well as the victim's wallet.

Detroit police reviewed surveillance video from the area, which corroborated the robbery victims' story.

Police did say the deceased suspect had a criminal history that included earlier offenses for armed robbery. The investigation is not yet concluded, but all known evidence tends to support the view that the victim acted lawfully when he shot the suspect. ■

*— Patrick Krey*

THE REVIEW

# Gilder Envisages Tomorrow

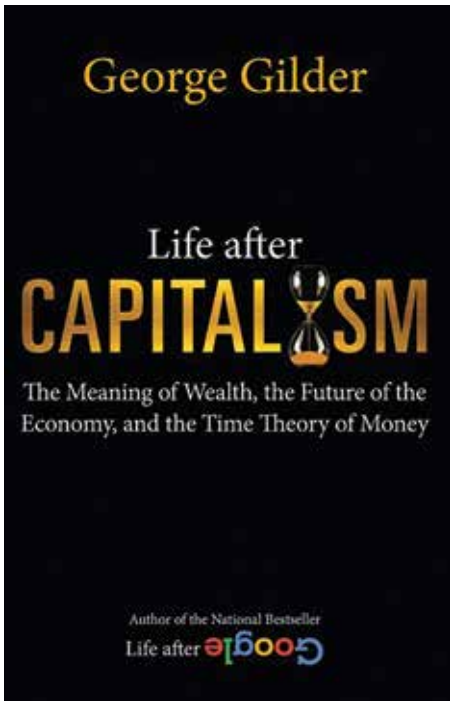
*by William P. Hoar*

***Life After Capitalism: The Meaning of Wealth, the Future of the Economy, and the Time Theory of Money*,** by George Gilder, Washington, D.C.: Regnery Gateway, 2023, 224 pages, hardcover.

A lot of economists are fond of telling you what to do with your money after you've done something else with it. George Gilder can do much more than that: In his latest book, *Life After Capitalism*, he advances a new type of economics along with a different way of defining money.

The "information theory" of economics that he presents has four key canons (each of which he scrutinizes), namely, 1) wealth is knowledge; 2) growth is learning; 3) information is surprise; and 4) money is time.

Readers may have to set aside some predispositions when encountering this introduction into "life after capitalism," but it is an enlightening journey. Do bring your thinking caps. That theory, emanating from mid-20th-century figures Claude Shannon, Alan Turing, and John von Neumann, is at the core of the computer and




communications systems. Gilder extends it to economics.

A founding fellow of the Discovery Institute, futurist Gilder began his study of information theory there. This theory provides, in his words, the principles

> of a new economic revolution that is overturning the incentive-run mechanisms, materialist assumptions, scarce resources, and state demand-side models of Adam Smith and Karl Marx. The new information theory is leading us to a new understanding of economics and a new era of abundance and creativity.

Get ready to gambol, because, to Gilder, economics "is a dance to the music of time."

### Revealing Learning Curves

Classical, free-market, and other folks may also find it unsettling to see "Adam Smith and his heirs" pictured in less than stellar fashion; or to find libertarians, supply-siders, and socialists being united in print as being mistaken in how wealth is created. What is being dissected here are essentially premises and postulates. What Gilder calls a "fundamental observational-philosophical mistake" is resting "capitalism theory on the faulty foundation of materialist rewards and punishments" rather than on "human ingenuity, creativity, and accumulating wisdom."

On the one hand, as we read in *Life After Capitalism*, the critics of capitalism "and almost all its defenders agree that capitalism is essentially an incentive system." On the other hand, Gilder posits that economics should be viewed as an information system to be freed.

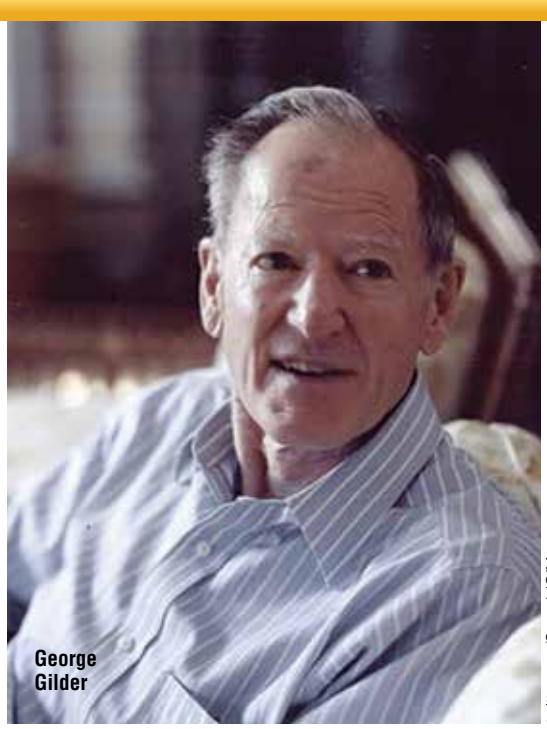
People do learn — or they should. And Gilder doesn't spare himself when it comes to what he considers his past misunderstandings. He cites his own work in the 1980s bestseller *Wealth and Poverty*, in

which he "explained and celebrated" that the Laffer Curve was demonstrating how lower tax rates usually bring more tax revenues to the government than high rates do. Such lower tax rates enhanced revenues, "so I assumed, by providing incentives for entrepreneurs to make creative investments rather than concoct a scheme of ingenious tax avoidance."

The author credits analyst Bill Bain and the Boston Consulting Group for pointing out that their studies had documented learning curves "across every industry in the economy." From that came the conclusion that the "Laffer curve was not merely an effect of incentives but chiefly a manifestation of learning."

A learning curve was also found among lawyers and accountants. Then, as "taxes mounted, the cumulative effort to avoid them multiplied." In this case, even lawyers and accountants got better in guiding their clients on tax avoidance. Corporate tax management became as important as efficient production lines. As related by the author, "Net tax rates — what corporations actually pay against their nominal rates — fall as do government revenues, just as Laffer's curve predicts."

Accordingly, in Gilder's view, *learning* is the best definition of economic growth.



George Gilder

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## Money Is Time

A wit — well, perhaps a half-wit — might say flippantly that time is like money because you can only spend it once. Gilder's view is deeper. He argues convincingly that money *is* time (and spends a chapter on that very point). And time, as he puts it, "is the only money that politicians and bankers can't print or distort, counterfeit or fake."

Money, says Gilder, is "a measure of time." It can be expressed in "time-prices." It is, further, "not something to be hoarded and manipulated to achieve economic goals; it is a measure of the learning curve of time, volume, and value."

The time-price phraseology crops up repeatedly. This was also the case in a superlative book called *Superabundance*, published last year by the Cato Institute, and written by Gale Pooley and Marian Tupy (with a Foreword by Gilder). In *Life after Capitalism*, he calls those two men his favorite economists and credits them for building on the "time-price revolution" pioneered by William Nordhaus and advanced by Julian Simon. Indeed, two key chapters in *Life After Capitalism* are written by Pooley and drawn from Superabundance.

While all people have only 24 hours in a day, it turns out that when time-prices decline, it is often the poor who benefit the most. There are plenty of specifics about this and similar phenomena in both books. Gilder, for instance, recounts how the time-price to acquire

> enough rice for a day's meal in India has dropped from about seven hours in 1960 to under an hour today. The time-price of a comparable supply of wheat in Indiana has dropped from an hour to 7.5 minutes. The Indian peasant has gained six hours and two minutes to do other things, while the Indiana wheat purchaser gains some 52 minutes.

From numbers grow potentially mighty political points. From such data, comments Gilder, we can also see that

> resources and energy are not running out, population growth is not "unsustainable," and so-called "climate change" is not wreaking havoc around the globe. Tupy and Pooley show that while carbon dioxide in the atmosphere increased 22 percent since 1980, the effects were neither environmentally toxic nor economically disastrous: the world's economy grew by 518.98 percent, and in that measurement is an ever-growing abundance of resources of food and other products and services.

As valuable as the Gilder book is (and the Pooley-Tupy volume as well), there are places that left us unconvinced. For example, in a section where Gilder attempts to use Tupy-Pooley data to refute several hypotheses frequently propounded in political economic debates, he essentially downplays the ramifications of a trillion-dollar U.S. deficit.

He writes that the relevant time-prices showed the U.S. economy was still "robust" and able to sustain large deficits — but with several accompanying conditions that we consider to be very big "ifs." These were what amounted to stipulations: The economy could handle such huge deficits *if* "not crippled by trade wars, political supply chain disruptions, damaging tax hikes, or emergency socialism." By such a rationale, this reviewer could have been a much better baseball player *if* he were six inches taller, packed 30 more pounds of muscle, and could handle a sharp-breaking curve ball.

## Refuting Davos Elitists, Soros, Malthus, Ehrlich

We were a lot more in tune with the Gale Pooley examples in one of his chapters in *Life After Capitalism* where he demonstrates his methodology to estimate the growth of personal resource abundance. Data show, for example, how much the time-price of air travel has decreased of late (down 38 percent in five years); that the time-price of air conditioning had fallen more than 97 percent since 1952; and that the time-price of corn has decreased by 573.1 percent in the last 85 years.

There's plenty to like in *Life After Capi-*

*talism*. Nor is Gilder shy about deservedly pointing fingers. He notes, for instance, that currency trading has become "a playpen for financial predators." In his "Finance Rampant" chapter, Gilder observes:

> Because the holdings controlled by particular financiers and banks are so much larger than the economies of even sizeable countries, intruders can upset the finances of countries with "hot money," make a fortune, and leave. Financier-intellectual George Soros is the leading case in point, building his fortune with disruptive excursions into the currencies of Great Britain, Indonesia, and Thailand.

The author is especially concerned about the enormous shift of power — "away from productive citizens, innovators, and entrepreneurs to politicians, banks, and bureaucrats." That is, in his view, "the essence of life after capitalism."

No, today's political climate is certainly not ignored. While acknowledging that a majority of registered Democrats do profess sympathy to socialism, that is not the word that statists tend to employ in this country. What Gilder does hit is what he calls "emergency socialism," and points out that the message is being disseminated under words such as "the science" and the "presumption that government 'experts' know best."

The author is clearly dismayed that government-directed "sustainability" is the argument that "has apparently won the day."

Socialism, as he accurately says, has "never been systemically taught in American primary and secondary schools." Preaching sustainability, after all, does that job. And, continues Gilder, "sustainability is revered as the only way to escape ecological disaster. According to a BBC poll, 56 percent of schoolchildren believe that humanity is doomed because of its destruction of the planet."

An antidote to such absurdity, this volume is decidedly not a paean to the Reverend Thomas Malthus, who declared in 1798, as Gilder reminds us, that population growth was ultimately "unsustainable" in the face of the globe's finite resources; or Paul Ehrlich, whose bestselling book *The Population Bomb* "prophesied global famine" unless the earth's population was halved.

## Cryptocurrencies and More

Some relatively recent economic events, as well as Gilder's commentary in his book — including a chapter on "Bitcoin Capitalism" — led to a personal exchange with Gilder. We pointed to how one prominent publication had reported on the well-publicized failures of American lenders and advocated more federal regulations. Similarly, another major magazine had, among its comments on the collapse of the FTX exchange and other blockchain ills, concluded that it anticipated more of a "crypto crackdown" by regulators.

With that as background, we noted how his book hails the "key innovation" called the blockchain, even while pulling no punches about its "earlier manifestations," especially Bitcoin — calling them "fatally flawed." We asked if he was still enthusiastic over the potential of better cryptocurrencies, when it seems that they are so likely to be subject to government control and regulation.

What, we asked Gilder, does he see of the future of cryptocurrencies "after capitalism"? His response:

> When cryptocurrencies are launched that accurately register the role of time in the world economy ... any government digital currency will be valued by this prevailing true money. Out of the current mass of crypto devices, a real money, conforming to the measure of time-prices, will emerge in coming years and it will rule the world of valuations as ubiquitously as gold ruled all valuations from the time of the Industrial Revolution until the 1971 abandonment of the gold standard.

In discussing these matters in print, in *Life After Capitalism* the author also promotes the building of "Web 3.0," the "new phase of the internet now emerging."

Some readers may well have to open their minds and their dictionaries when they bump into rising entropy, epistemology, Boolean algebra, and quantum computing — to mention just a few of the challenging expressions and subjects that we encounter here. You still will hear about "supply and demand," albeit in a different fashion. As Gilder declares, "True economics must come to terms with information theory. It must escape the murky morass of demand and money into the rigorous calculus of supply-side time and time-prices."

The effort will be worth your time. After all, according our latest economic principles, money gains value only when it is invested. Wealth is knowledge. And you can only profit from what you know. ■

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**Crypto future:** Gilder believes that some form of cryptocurrency will eventually be used as a world standard for valuation of time-prices, just as gold was used for centuries.

TAKING ACTION

# What Comes After Durham?

**by William S. Hahn, CEO of The John Birch Society**

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Throughout its history, The John Birch Society has been the target of attacks from across the political spectrum. These attacks, many of them distasteful, have not been grounded in fact; rather, they come from a desire to defeat an opponent using any means necessary.

This is the *modus operandi* used against anyone who stands against those conspiring to change a free republic into a world-government-serving member of a new world order.

The recent revelations of the Durham Report follow a long list of activities that federal agencies have taken against American citizens over many, many decades. Over the last 20-plus years, thanks to the federal efforts to battle "terrorism," constitutional protections have come under attack, making targets out of law-abiding patriots.

Fusion centers were established that entangled local and state law enforcement with federal law enforcement through the Department of Homeland Security. One such fusion center is the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC), which in 2009 released a strategic report titled "The Modern Militia Movement." This report highlighted certain individuals that law enforcement should perceive as anti-government and as having a potential for violence. Included on the list were those who believed in conspiracy theories and used such terms as New World Order, North American Union, and Constitutional Convention; were concerned about Second Amendment rights or being chipped with RFID technologies; and were supporters of presidential candidates Ron Paul, Chuck Baldwin, and Bob Barr. Additional warning signs included displaying the Gadsden flag and using the term *molon labe* ("come and take them").

A few months later, DHS released an assessment called "Rightwing Extremism" from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis. It pointed to a segment of returning veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars as being prime for radicalization, and likewise included a new world order, illegal immigration, and gun control as trigger topics.

As *The New American* concluded about the MIAC report, "[It] is very dangerous; it erroneously conflates law-abiding citizens and their principled concerns with violent racists and terrorists. As a result, citizens may be harassed, have their rights violated, and even have their lives endangered because law-enforcement officers have been wrongly advised that these innocent actions and expressions are actually marks of dangerous and aggressive individuals."

Things have only gotten worse under the Biden administration.

Now that the Durham Report is out, will the exposed activities be curtailed? Will guilty parties be charged? This remains to be seen; however, you can take action to help strengthen the bulwark of freedom that separates federal and local law enforcement. Robert Welch, founder of The John Birch Society, wrote in June 1965, "Remember, a strong, honest, independent local police force is an impassable barrier to the advance of Communism."

"For members of local police forces, who are personally acquainted with their neighbors, simply cannot be depended on to carry out the brutalities which may be ordered by a central government. And we have already reached the point in our own country where the question of who constitutes or controls the law-enforcement body in any given situation is of tremendous importance," Welch continued.

When police allegiance slips from local to federal, there will be dire consequences. Many communities are now feeling these consequences after buying in to the radical "defund the police" movement that demoralized local police, took them off the streets, and suggested replacing cops with social workers.

The weaponization of the federal government becomes much too easy when it is allowed to operate outside of its constitutional limitations. However, the Founding Fathers anticipated much of this attack and gave us tools to protect ourselves, our families, and our God-given rights.

With the launch of the "Support Your Local Police and Keep Them Independent" action project in the early 1960s, JBS members and supporters have had great local success. Help keep local police a bulwark of freedom, as the Founding Fathers intended.

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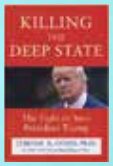


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